

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Constitutional  
Reform

HONGKONG'S two most energetic political organisations — the Reform Club and the Civic Association — yesterday presented reasonably and appealingly to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, their respective attitudes to constitutional reform and other domestic subjects. Most of it was familiar to the people of Hongkong, but Mr Lennox-Boyd conceivably derived some enlightenment.

The issue today is not whether Hongkong should or should not have constitutional reform (the Imperial Government in 1946 agreed in principle that it should and this principle has not to date been repudiated) but to what extent, in the light of changed political conditions, should there be changes in our constitution. It is here that the Reform Club and the Civic Association part ways, with the Reform Club demanding major constitutional changes without further delay, and the Civic Association insisting that a variety of circumstances make it necessary reform should be gradual. This is fairly indicative of the split in popular public opinion on the subject, and the Secretary of State is entitled to reach the conclusion there is no hard, cemented feeling today as to what sort of constitutional reform the Colony desires.

THIS does not mean Hongkong is wholly indifferent. Apathy there is, partly caused by disillusionment. The Colony has not forgotten the return of Sir Mark Young after Liberation with a mandate from the Imperial Government to set in motion the machinery for constitutional reform of a sweeping nature. There was plenty of popular enthusiasm then which not unnaturally evaporated when the top-level decision was made some time later that major reforms must be suspended. It can be declared that the decision was accepted here with good grace and over the years more have come to regard it as a wise edict. There is a growing uncertainty among the populace whether we are yet fitted for the degree of self-government which some of the reformists demand. Moreover the achievements of the Administration have helped to silence public criticism.

NEVERTHELESS, there were proposals placed before Mr Lennox-Boyd yesterday which deserve his attention and his sympathy. There is no valid reason why there should not be stronger elected representation on the Urban Council, nor could the suggestion of two elected members of Legislative Council (replacing two nominated) be considered a major change in the constitution.

It is freely admitted by nominated and elected Urban councillors that the Council could be profitably enlarged to meet its growing responsibilities, and another two elected members would not upset the equilibrium. And so far as the inclusion of two elected members to Legislative Council is concerned, it would satisfy popular opinion without, we believe, impairing the efficiency of the legislature. The proposals are modest and could be implemented without any radical franchise changes. It is this which enhances their appeal. Furthermore their adoption would give the Colony the feeling that constitutional reform was not a completely dead letter, leading perhaps to a stimulation of public interest in civic affairs.

# 'A CEASEFIRE COMES FIRST'

## Then Perhaps Top-level Talks With Peking DULLES' CONDITION

Washington, July 26. The US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today he did not see any chance of direct talks between himself and the Chinese Premier, Mr Chou En-lai on Far East questions until it was determined that Communist China accepted a ceasefire in the Formosa Straits.

He told a news conference that he did not want to exclude all prospect of a Foreign Ministers' conference but said it was not "a likely possibility."

This was in answer to questions about the proposal of Senator Walter George (Democrat, Georgia) on Sunday that a Far East Foreign Ministers' conference be held as a follow-up to the Big Four conference in Geneva.

Mr Dulles said in the talks beginning in Geneva, on Monday, the US Ambassador Mr U. Alexis Johnson would seek to find out from the Chinese Communist envoy whether Peking was ready to abandon the use of force, or threat of force to achieve its objectives.

He said the United States believed that differences should not be settled by forceful means.

It was important to know whether Peking envisaged settling Far East problems by force or a ceasefire.

The United States would not negotiate with a pistol at its head.

Mr Dulles recalled that last April at the Asian-African conference at Bandung, Mr Chou had suggested bilateral talks with the United States to settle outstanding issues by peaceful means.

The United States promptly replied, welcoming any efforts in this direction, if sincere, he said.

Then he had reviewed Mr Chou's statement and now the United States intended to find out how sincerely the proposal was offered.

There were indications that there were benefits to be gained

### Benefits Possible

from continuing talks with the Chinese Communists, he said.

Among these indications he quoted Peking's release of four US airmen and a few civilians. He said Communist China's warlike demonstrations had not been resumed. Also something like a de facto ceasefire had occurred in the Formosa Straits.

Peking's propaganda statements against the United States had also been moderated.

### Main Concern

Working through British diplomatic channels, he said that on July 11 it was proposed that links in Geneva between US and Chinese Communist envoys be raised in level and scope.

After a date was mutually agreed upon, a communique announcing this was issued simultaneously yesterday in Peking and Washington.

He said Ambassador Johnson's main concern in the Geneva talks would be to get back the civilians who were still detained in China.

The United States would also be prepared to discuss the status of a few Chinese students in America who, the Communists claimed, were being prevented from leaving the country.

Among other matters likely to be discussed, he said, would be preparations to avoid a repetition of the shooting down of a Cathay Pacific airliner last year which caused the loss of life and property of British, Chinese and American people.

Undoubtedly Communist China would have questions to discuss, he added. If they involved the United States directly, Mr Dulles said the State Department would be interested to discuss them with a view to settling them.—Associated Press.

### CYPRUS TALKS NEXT MONTH

Athens, July 26. The British Ambassador, and the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr Stephen Stephanopoulos, today agreed that the conference on Cyprus between Britain, Turkey and Greece should start on August 20.

Britain called the conference to discuss east Mediterranean defence and the Cyprus question.—Reuter.

### British Police Want Higher Wages

London, July 26. Britain's 70,000 policemen today applied for the biggest pay increase in their history—another £3 to £7 a week according to rank. A British police constable at present earns £445 to £450 a year, a chief superintendent from £1,150 to £1,200.

At the same time more than 400,000 civil servants submitted a claim for a seven per cent pay increase.—China Mail Special.

### Nehru's Party Wins In Pondicherry

Pondicherry, July 26. The Indian National Congress, ruling party in the Central Government, won an absolute majority today in the first general elections in the new state of Pondicherry.

Congress won 20 of the 39 seats in the State Assembly. The Communist-sponsored People's Front came next with 10 seats. The remaining three seats went to independents.

The state of Pondicherry was formed after France agreed to the de facto transfer of the territory there to be India in November last year.—Reuter.

### SENATOR'S PLEA FOR JAPAN

Washington, July 26. Democratic Senator Mike Mansfield, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today Japan must be permitted to regain an independent economic status if there was to be peace in Asia.

The Senator, in a speech prepared for the Senate, proposed that a series of economic conferences be held in the Far East at which Japan should be encouraged to develop trade with China and Russia.

He said Japanese participation in the embargo on the shipment of strategic materials to China was "fitting and essential."

But he added "beyond the embargo the Japanese should not be expected to forgo what trade they can develop with Communist China. Trade with the Communist nations will be dangerous only if it becomes the most important factor in Japan's survival and if Japan is reduced to abject dependency on it."

FOR LASTING PEACE... "If there is to be stability in the Far East it is inevitable that commerce will flow between Japan on the one hand and the Russians and the Chinese mainland on the other."

Any real settlement of Asian tension involved more than a meeting between American and Communist China although much a session might be a "necessary preliminary."

"A lasting peace in the Far East, however, requires the participation of Japan, the free governments of Korea, Vietnam and Nationalist China, the signatories of the SEATO pact and other Asian nations," he declared.—Reuter.

### His Wish Granted

Birmingham, July 26. Frederick Cross, 33, who told his judges that he murdered a complete stranger because he wanted to die himself was hanged this morning at Birmingham gaol. Cross thumbed a lift in a car passing through a Staffordshire town and stabbed the driver, 28-year-old Donald Lainton, married insurance agent.—China Mail Special.

### France May Recognise Communist China

Paris, July 26. French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay said today his Government was studying the question of establishing diplomatic relations with Communist China.

He was answering a question in the Upper House. He said the Government envisaged first starting economic and cultural talks.—Reuter.

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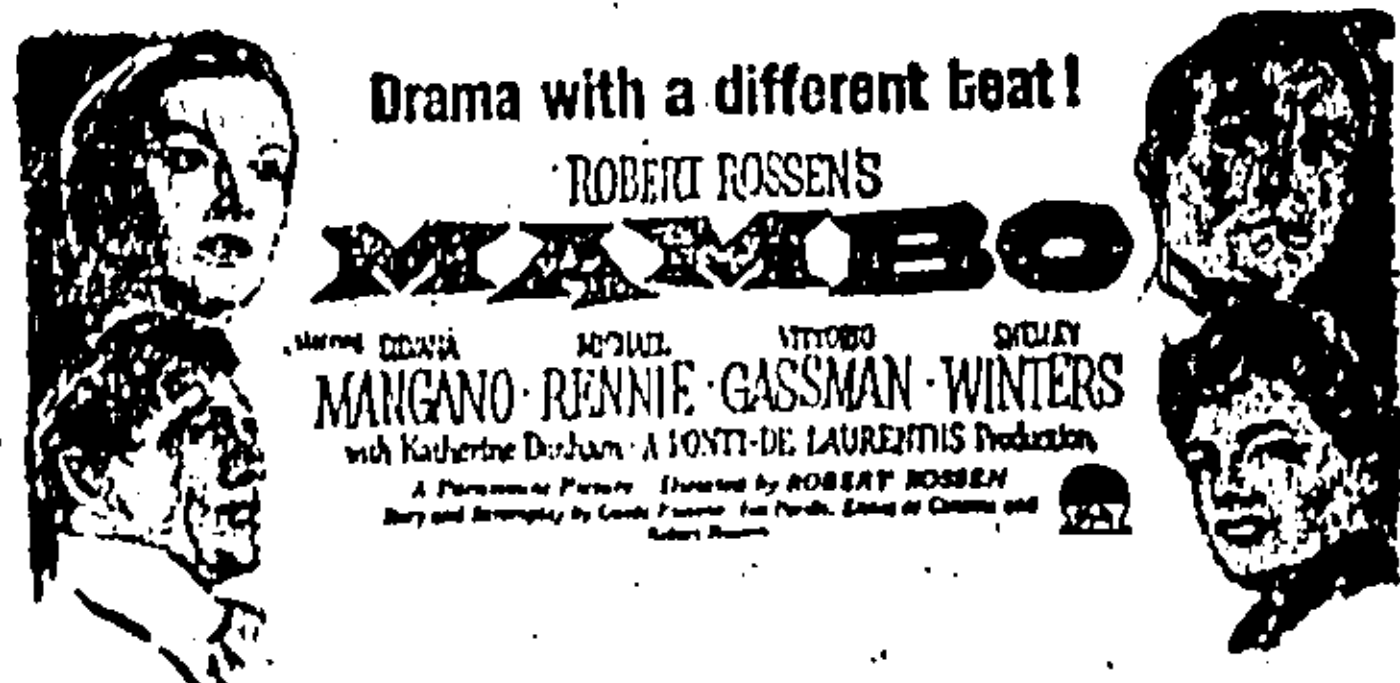
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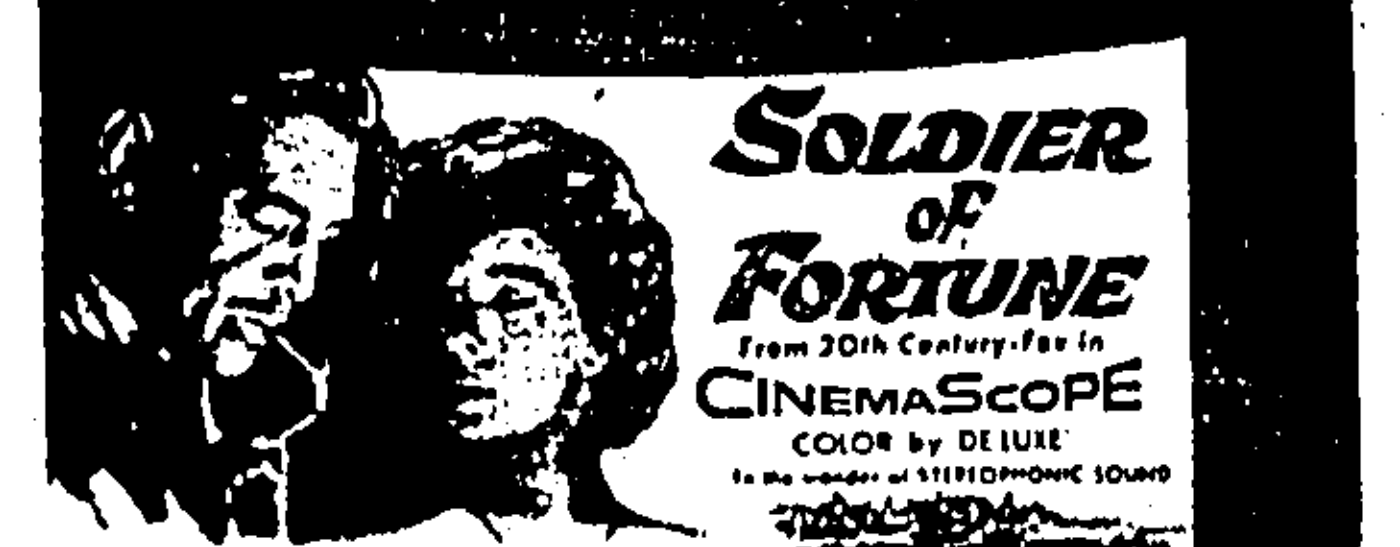
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## WEST GERMAN ARMY DECIDED

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Bonn, July 26.

A parliamentary committee of the West German Bundestag today settled the details of West Germany's embryo army — A 6,000-strong force which will be headed by a general, two lieutenant generals and three major-generals.

The volunteers are to be enlisted in preparation for setting up armed forces eventually planned to number 500,000.

Dr Richard Jaeger, Chairman of the Security Committee of the Bundestag, said the two Lieutenant-Generals would probably be former Wehrmacht Generals Adolf Heusinger and Hans Speidel.

Speidel was Field Marshal Rommel's Chief-of-Staff on the Western Front. He has been acting as German representative at Allied Supreme Headquarters in Europe. General Heusinger was wartime Chief of the German Supreme Command's Operation Division.

The security Committee, sitting in joint session with the Budget Committee, approved a number of decisions relating to the new army and the Defence Ministry of Herr Theodor Blank. The decisions do not need to be approved by the full House.

## Allocation

The Committee allocated 38,500,000 marks (\$3,300,000 sterling) to implement the Volunteers Bill under which the new army is to be created.

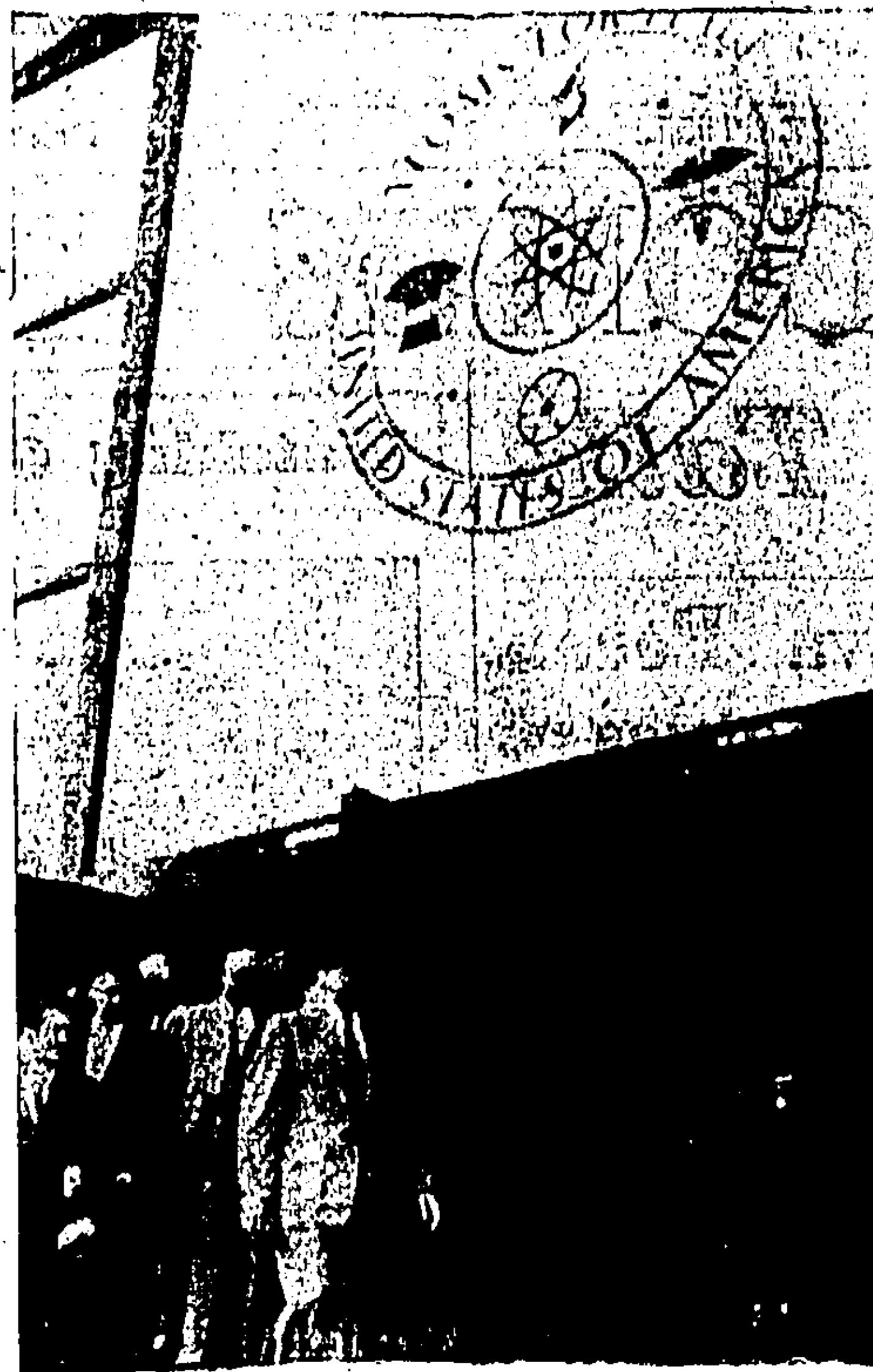
It decided that the basic salary for the highest ranking officer—four star general—would be reduced from a proposed 3,000 marks (\$200 sterling) a month to 2,800 marks (about £235 sterling).

It also reduced the number of officers to be employed in the new army to 275 colonels, 680 lieutenant colonels, 980 majors, 970 captains and 400 lieutenants.

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Tomorrow Speidel will accompany seven former Wehrmacht officers to Supreme Allied Headquarters where they will be attached. Five others are going to Headquarters, Allied Forces Central Europe.

Adolf Heusinger, expected to be the second lieutenant general, was present in Hitler's headquarters in 1944 when a bomb attempt was made on the latter's life. Both he and Speidel were arrested later as suspects. Heusinger subsequently was released while Speidel escaped.—Reuter.



In between the Big Four talks at Geneva President Eisenhower paid a visit to the "Atoms for Peace" Exhibition. He is pictured leaving the exhibition with members of his staff.—Express Photo.

Farouk Breaks  
His Silence

## ABDICATION ANNIVERSARY

Paris, July 26.

Ex-King Farouk of Egypt marked the third anniversary of his forced abdication today by protesting against what he called the current Egyptian dictatorship, and predicted that an end would soon come to this nightmare of terror and misery.

Now on a two-week visit to France from his present home in Italy, the ex-sovereign held a press conference and distributed a written statement here, ending a three-year silence during which he had made no public pronouncements on political matters.



KING FAROUK

Farouk spoke partly in French and partly in English, saying that a certain form of monarchy would allow Egypt to return to peace and order. But that, of course, was up to the Egyptian people to decide this question. He was expressing his indignation in the name of these people and of his well-loved country against the current regime of Premier Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, he said.

## "Reign Of Terror"

What he termed the present reign of terror in Egypt has plunged a once-prosperous country into misery and almost inextinguishable economic difficulties, he went on.

He said that there was no more liberty, but only a parliament of ten people which proposed becoming in January a presidium of false Marxism. Colonel Nasser was holding 60,000 Egyptians from the opposition in concentration camps, he alleged, and had made the country, once champion of Arab co-operation, a foment of troubles. The present military chiefs, he asserted, were indulging in democratic blackmail, playing anti-Communist, pro-Communist and neutral.—France-Press.

Sto Marie, Ontario, July 26. The worst bush fire situation in the province's history was having a serious effect today on the Algoma district's million-dollar tourist industry and its multi-million-dollar mining industry. Widespread publicity was said to be discouraging anglers and cutting down on mining activity.—United Press.

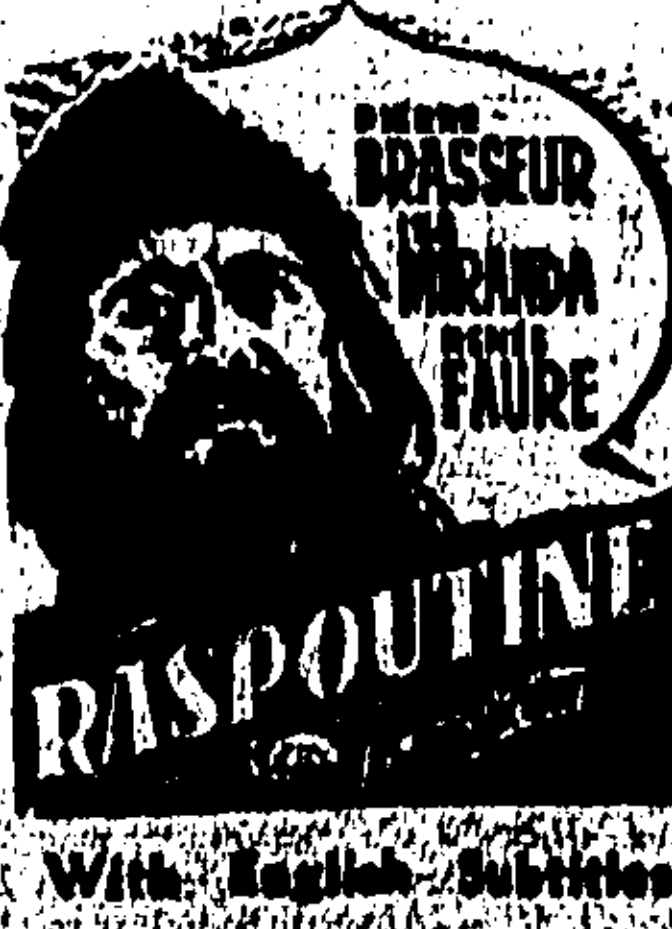
## WHEAT ORDER

Baghdad, July 26. The Ministry of Economics, Dr Dhiya Jafar, today ordered 27,000 long tons of wheat from Australia to meet local requirements due to a shortage created by smut damage to the domestic output.

The order was transmitted to the Australian Grain Board.—United Press.

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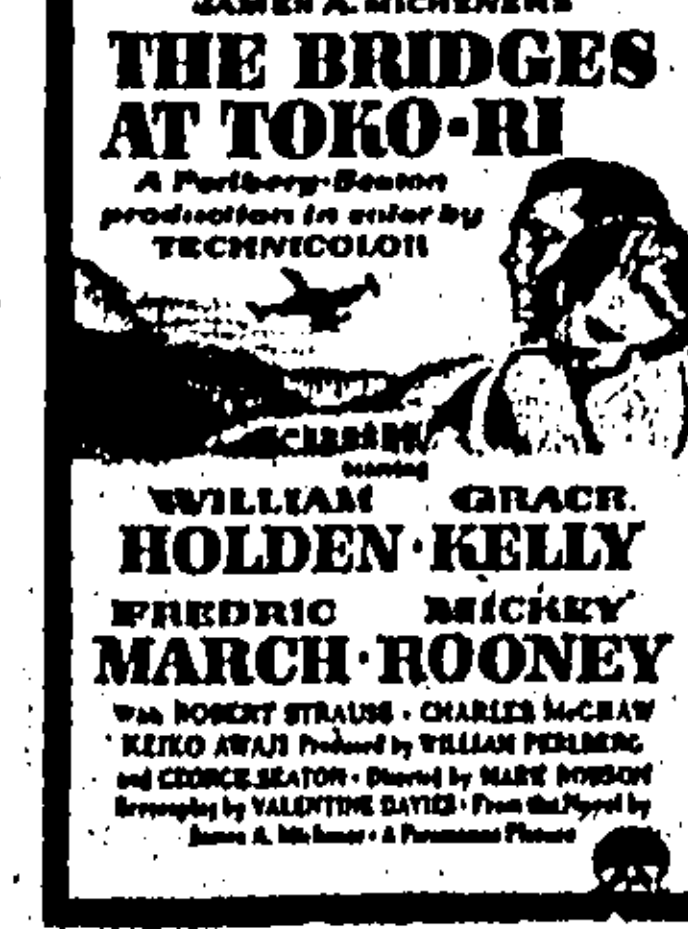


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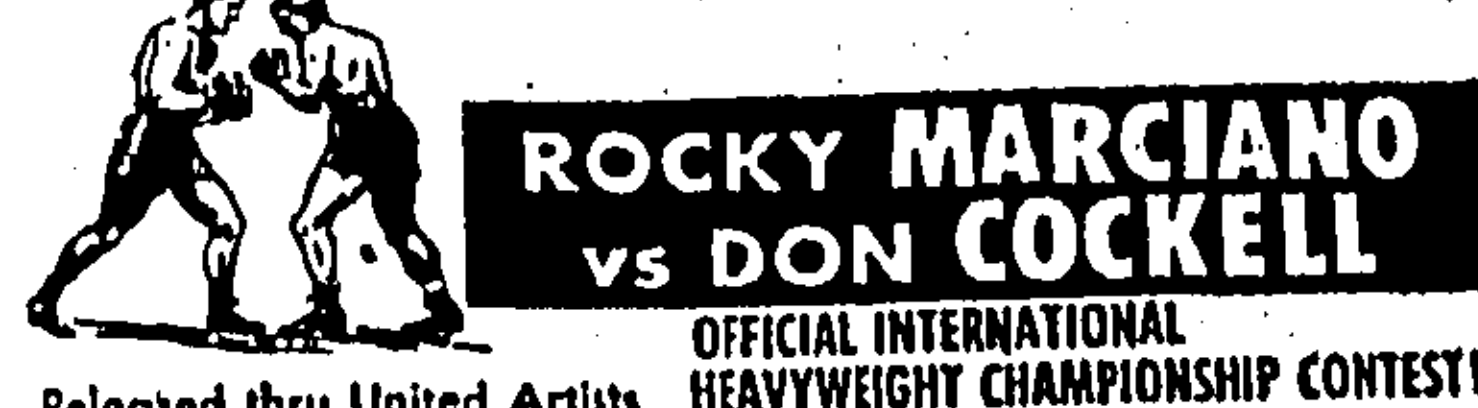
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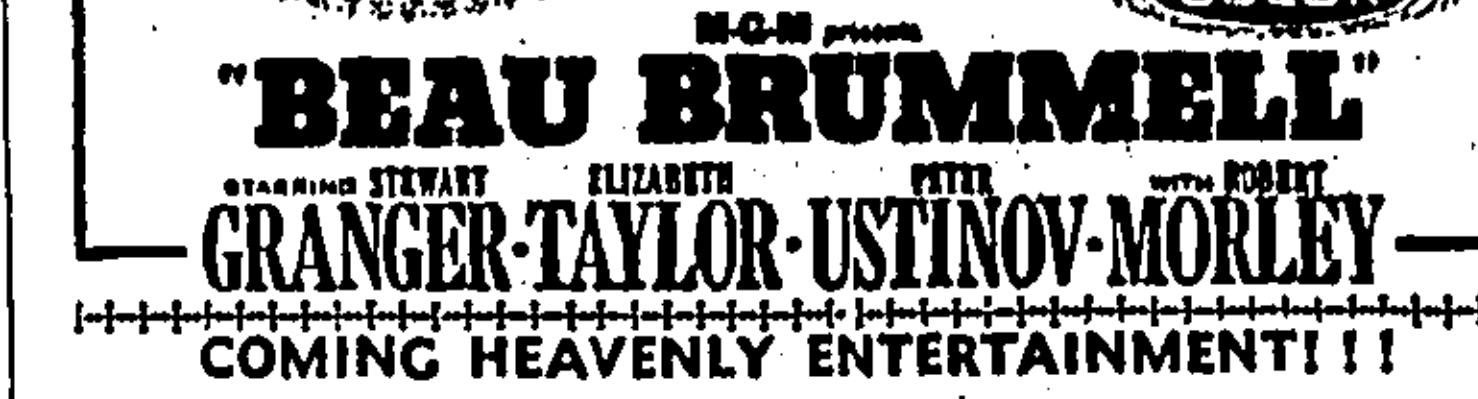


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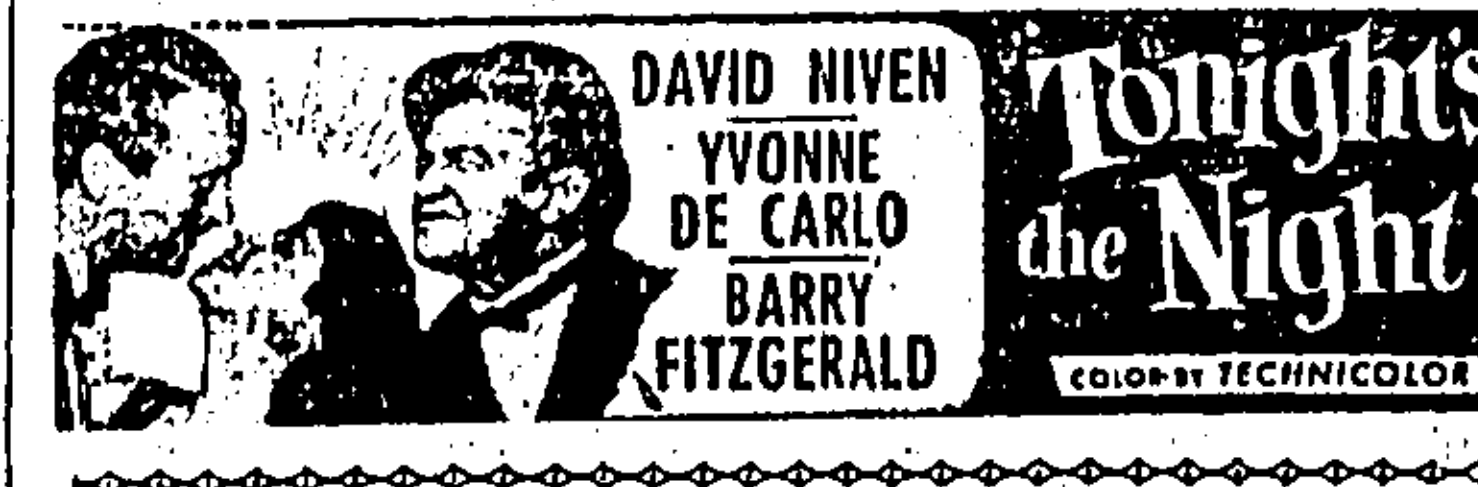


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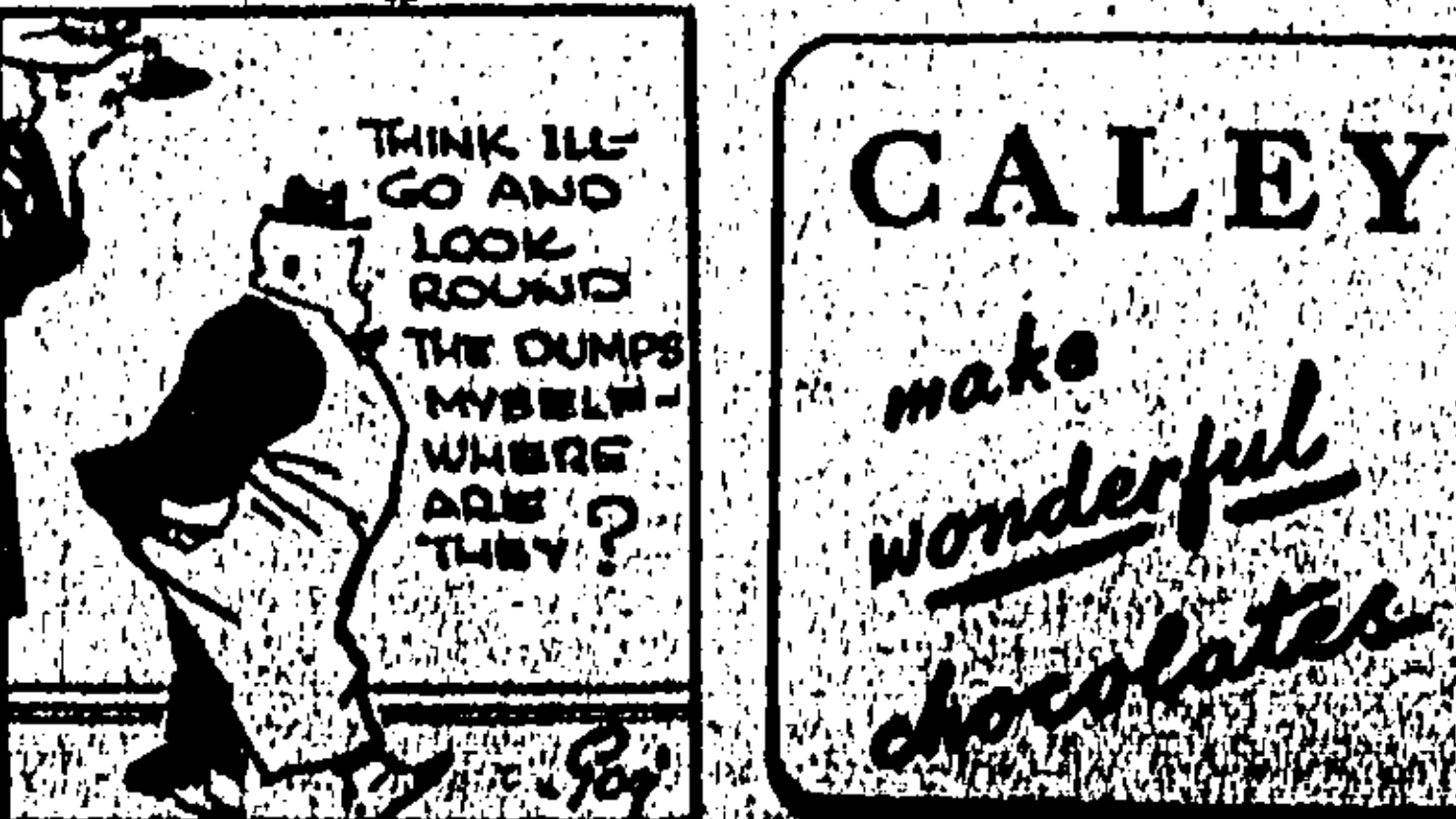
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## TRUTH HURT?

Johannesburg, July 26.  
A South African air hostess has been forbidden to land in Egypt because of her routine announcement recently at Cairo airport that passengers should "watch hand luggage" owing to the possibility of theft. It is reported here.—China Mail Special.

## Britain's Economic Anxiety

London, July 26.  
The widening gap between imports and exports is one of the main reasons behind Britain's anxiety over her economic situation expressed today in a House of Commons debate.

The gap stretched to £455,800,000 in the first half of this year compared with a trade deficit for the same period in 1954 of only £274,800,000.

The total British debt to the European trading organisation, the European Payments Union, now stands at £98,520,000.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, in trying to slow down the boom in spending and borrowing which is causing dangers of inflation, he has doubled the amount of deposit people must lay down before they can buy automobiles, refrigerators, television sets and other luxury goods on the hire-purchase system. He has also asked the banks to make borrowing more difficult.

## Internal Buying

The reason for these measures is that too much internal buying means that more raw materials have to be imported and too many goods are being made for the home market instead of for exports.

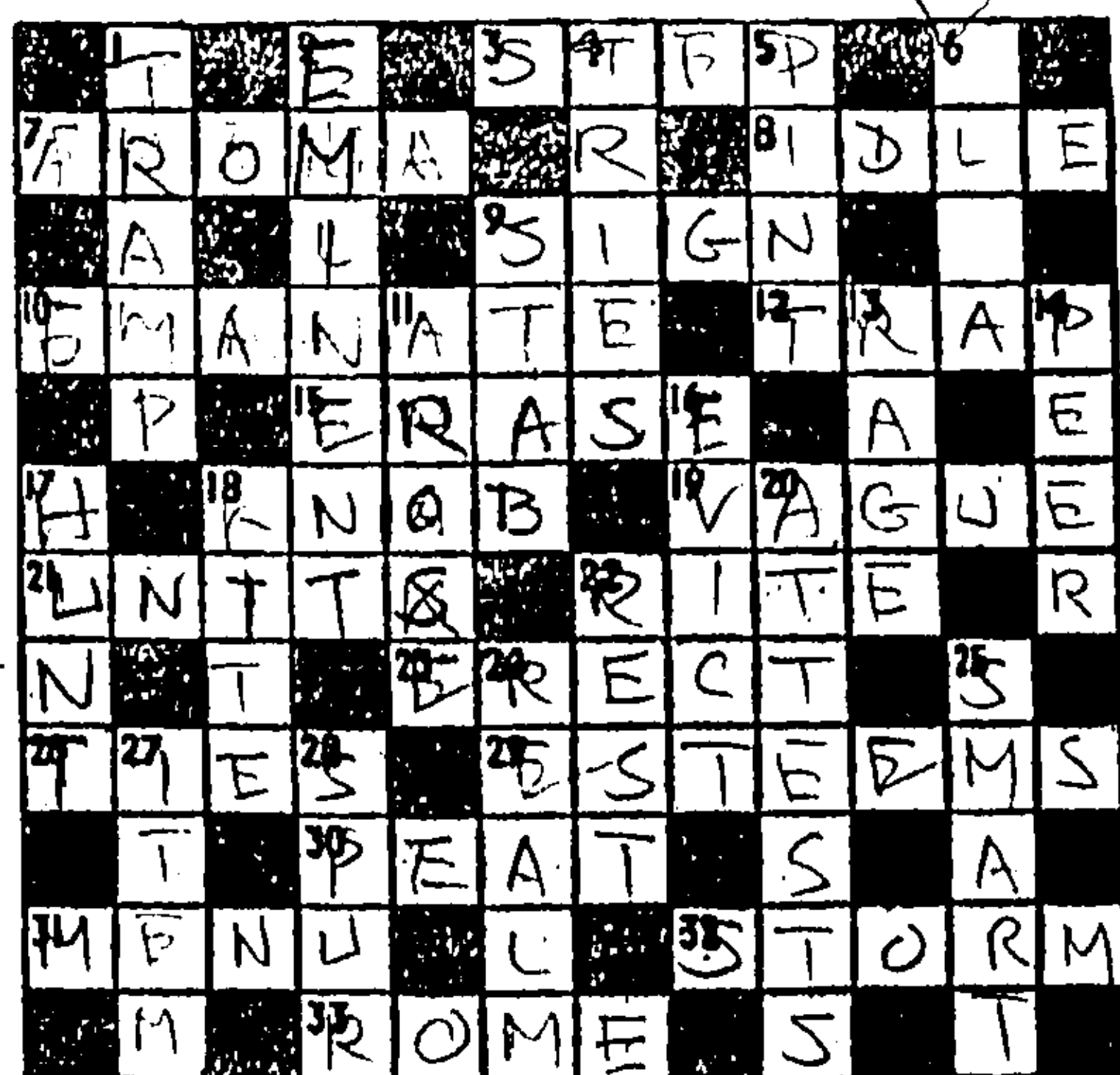
The extent of Britain's current wave of borrowing is shown by these figures:

Britain's 50 million people owe over £400 million for goods they have bought on hire-purchase.

Bank overdrafts outstanding (classified as "personal and professional loans") amount to £401 million. When loans to industry and commerce are added to this the total is £2,186 million.

A total of 1,800,000 people buying their houses on mortgage owe the building societies about £1,574 million.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Pace (4).
- 7 Scent (5).
- 8 Lazy (4).
- 9 Symbol (4).
- 10 Flow from (7).
- 12 Snare (4).
- 15 Rub out (5).
- 18 Protuberance (4).
- 19 Indefinite (5).
- 21 Individual things (5).
- 22 Ceremony (4).
- 23 Upright (5).
- 25 Neckwear (4).
- 26 Values highly (7).
- 30 Fuel (4).
- 31 Bill of fare (4).
- 32 Tempest (5).
- 33 Capital city (4).

### DOWN

- 1 Vagrant (5).
- 2 Famous (7).
- 4 Attempts (5).
- 5 Liquid measure (4).
- 6 Insect (4).
- 9 Pierce (4).
- 11 Got up (6).
- 13 Anger (4).
- 14 Nobility (4).
- 16 Oust (5).
- 17 Chase (4).
- 18 Flying toy (4).
- 20 Bears witness (7).
- 22 Repose (4).
- 24 Territory (5).
- 25 Spruce (5).
- 27 Doll (4).
- 28 God (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1, Candid, 7, Onal, 8, Agile, 10, Final, 11, Full, 12, Disastrous, 15, Scap, 16, Onal, 17, Commander, 22, Port, 24, Mitre, 25, Issue, 26, Hide, 27, Speedy. Down: 2, Amis, 3, Dress, 4, Defers, 5, Confused, 6, Call, 8, Ruise, 12, Loper, 13, Droop, 14, Allotted, 17, Acrid, 18, Impels, 20, Naive, 21, Eased, 23, Omit.

## By Russians PAVES WAY TO SIGNING OF PEACE TREATY

London, July 27.

Russia's decision to release immediately 16 Japanese war criminals—disclosed here last night—will now pave the way for progress on a Russo-Japanese peace treaty, diplomatic sources here said today.

In two months of bargaining here on a treaty no real advance had previously been made in the talks between Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto, the chief Japanese negotiator, and Mr. Jacob Malik, Soviet Ambassador in London.

Japan had repeatedly pressed Russia for the release of her nationals held in the Soviet Union since the Second World War—a request Mr. Malik side-stepped until yesterday's session.

### HANDLED LIST

Then he handed to Mr. Matsumoto a list of 16 war criminals saying that they had served their sentences and would be returned immediately.

The names are due to be published in Tokyo shortly and after they have been checked against Japanese lists.

Mr. Malik, who returned from the successful Geneva "summit" conference earlier this week, also said he would hand over "in the near future" the names of all the Japanese war criminals still in Russia.

At earlier sessions on a peace treaty the Soviet envoy had said these totalled 1,010 former members of the armed forces and 367 civilians.

When Japanese sources contended that the total of their nationals held by Russia is much higher than this, they said the latest Russian moves were a "major advance" in the talks.

Diplomatic sources saw the action as one possible result of the recently improved East-West atmosphere stemming from the Geneva meeting.

### TOP ADVISER

Mr. Malik was one of the Soviet delegation's top advisers during those talks and had previously been called home to Moscow for special consultations.

Japanese diplomats here noted that Mr. Malik and his advisers stroked amicably the Japanese Soviet Embassy to the Japanese Ambassador's residence for yesterday's meeting.

One Japanese source saw this as a "parallel" with the easy going conduct of the Soviet leaders as they drove about Geneva last week in open cars.

While these sources were "elated" at the new Soviet attitude in the London meetings there were also expressions of caution that much hard bargaining lay ahead before a peace treaty could be hammered out.

But one source said the latest developments showed "how worthwhile it is to persist in negotiations even when they appear to be futile."

Diplomatic sources were hopeful that the Russians might soon make a concession on another outstanding issue—the Japanese request that her fishermen be allowed to work up to three miles of the Soviet coast. At present Russia claims a 12-mile stretch of territorial waters.

### SAME ISSUE

Talks between Britain and Russia on the same issue open in Moscow on Friday and Japanese diplomats here will be closely following their progress.

Russia agreed to these meetings after terminating the 1930 Anglo-Soviet fisheries agreement earlier this month. Under this treaty British trawlers were allowed to fish to within three miles of the Soviet coast.

—China Mail Special.

## CONDOLENCES FROM MOLOTOV

Paris, July 26.  
Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov has sent a telegram of condolence to the family of the former United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, who died last week. Moscow radio said today.

The radio said Mr. Molotov sent the following message to the family: "Please accept my most sincere condolences on the occasion of the death of Mr. Cordell Hull, whose name is linked with the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, as well as with the fruitful collaboration of the two countries in the struggle against the common enemy."—France Press.



Lieut-Col. Cartasagne of Italy, who won the King George V Gold Challenge Cup at the International Horse Show held at the White City in London on his horse Brando, is presented with the trophy by H.M. Queen Elizabeth.—Express Photo.

## ALL QUIET IN MEKNES Sultan Appeals To Moroccans

Meknes, Morocco, July 26.

Sultan Moulay Ben Arafat today called on the people of Morocco to pay no heed to the "traitors and foreign propaganda" seeking to ruin the protectorate, after bloody rioting in this town yesterday killed and wounded some 60 persons.

In the old world language of the Arab Court, the Sultan's appeal was addressed to "Our loyal people and our devoted subjects" and called on them to "conserve calmness and tranquillity and do not allow yourselves to be misled by the criminals who deceive you and only seek suitable occasions to hasten the doom of Morocco and the Moroccans."

He also said that friendship between the French and Moroccan peoples should be the basis of any future action.

Meanwhile, throughout this North Moroccan town there was calm and silence.

Strong detachments of troops, Police and armed Berber tribesmen patrolled the streets and guarded vulnerable points. But the curfew imposed by French Resident-General M. Gilbert Grandval from 3 a.m. last night ensured peace—at least until dawn today.

### Previous Riots

As in the previous riots in Casablanca and Marrakesh crowds shouting in favour of the deposed Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef got out of control and were fired on by the Police.

Officials said that 10,000 Moroccans at least took part in the demonstrations, among them 500 or so agitators from Casablanca and Rabat.

In spite of road blocks and security precautions arranged two days ago the agitators were able to infiltrate into the town before M. Grandval's arrival and prepare for the demonstration.

Official figures of the casualties were 15 dead and 40 wounded. This brings the total of casualties in riots since Bastille Day (July 14) to 80 dead and more than 2,500 wounded.

Including deaths due to terrorism throughout the protectorate in the last 12 days the death toll can be raised to around 100.

Unofficial sources put all the figures much higher.—United Press.

## RUSSIAN EXPERTS IN BRITAIN



A party of Russian housing experts are at present on a ten-day visit to study British housing and building developments. They are pictured visiting the headquarters of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government at Whitehall in London. (Left to right) Mr. Damian Samoylov, Russian Minister of Housing points out House of Commons in Whitehall to Mr. N. N. Smirnov; Mr. T. P. Novosilov and Mr. V. P. Frolovov. —Express Photo.

## Khrushchev Pleased With Results Of Geneva Talks

Berlin, July 26.

Soviet Communist Party chief, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, who is on a visit here said today the Big Four talks held in Geneva last week paved the way for peaceful co-existence between countries with differing regimes.

Mr. Khrushchev was speaking at a mammoth rally held in an East Berlin square to honour the Soviet delegation headed by Premier Nikolai Bulganin which attended the Big Four talks.

Khrushchev greeted the inhabitants of Berlin and East Germany in the name of the Central Committee of the Supreme Soviet and the Soviet people.

Mr. Khrushchev said: "The Geneva conference did not thwart people's hopes. The Big Four established contacts. They showed their good intentions. The conference made history."

### POSITIVE RESULTS

Mr. Khrushchev said the conference achieved positive results and added "we firmly hope these results will be developed further."

He hoped the conference of Big Four foreign ministers scheduled for next October in Geneva would score another success.

Mr. Khrushchev said: "We are counting on the interests of all sides, a necessary condition to advance along the road toward peace."

Mr. Khrushchev said the Soviet Union rejected the rearmament of Germany "which would lead to another war" and approved democratic and peaceful reunification of Germany, "which would contribute to general security."

He said he believed it was now clear that "certain statesmen miscalculated when they hastened the ratification of the Paris agreements to negotiate with the Soviet Union from a position of force."

"The best method of German reunification would be for the Germans themselves to reunify their country and decide on their own regime," said Mr. Khrushchev.

The workers of East Germany would refuse to "join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, pay the costs of rearmament and give up the social advances they have made," according to the Russian chief.

Mr. Khrushchev said "the German question cannot be settled by sacrificing the German Democratic Republic." He said he was convinced the people of West Germany did not approve the policy of rearmament.

"The Soviet Union wants normal diplomatic relations with the Federal Republic. That would make easier the reunification of Germany," he concluded.

In an earlier speech, East Germany's Premier Otto Grotewohl said the Big Four conference marked a turning point in history and thanked the Soviet delegation for the job it did at the talks.

The conference paved the way for peaceful settlement of international problems, Herr Grotewohl said. "That which is possible on the international level should be possible in Germany. Let us wipe out the barriers between the two Germanys."

Herr Grotewohl said he approved Bulganin's two phase European security plan, submitted at Geneva and added: "A system of European security gives the German people hope for the reunification of Germany."

NOT ACCEPTABLE  
"Attempts by the Western powers to include West Germany in the NATO are not acceptable to us and will never be acceptable," said Herr Grotewohl.

In an appeal to the "workers of West Germany," Herr Grotewohl said: "Let us unite for the good of the country against war profits and rearmament. If we unite we are invincible and our country will be reunified."

The rally was held before thousands of East Germans and small groups of West Berlin sympathisers in Marx-Engels Square, situated in the heart of East Berlin.—France-Press.

Red Delegation In Nepal

Katmandu, July 26.  
A six-man Chinese Communist delegation, led by the Chinese Ambassador in New Delhi, General Yuan Chung Hsien, arrived here today to begin talks with officials of the Nepalese Government for the opening of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

It was when the talks reach a successful conclusion, the Chinese Ambassador to India will also be accredited to Nepal, as is the case now for the American, French and British ambassadors.

—France-Press.

## Congress Refuses Shipping Grant

Washington, July 26.

Plans to construct 17 cargo vessels worth \$152 million will have to be dropped following Congress refusal to grant \$60 million towards the cost of their construction, a spokesman for the Government's Maritime Administration said today.

Other officials said the refusal to grant the money would set back the whole \$3,000 million shipbuilding programme which had been drawn up by steamship lines to meet foreign competition.

An official of the committee of American steamship lines representing 15 companies receiving building subsidies from the Government estimated that of the proposed \$3,000 million programme, about 40 per cent of the money would be provided by the Government and the remainder by the shipping companies.

## Over Ten Years

This programme had in view the construction of about 200 ships of which about a dozen would be passenger ships over the next ten years. It was agreed that by then three-quarters of the existing fleet would have reached the end of economic usefulness and be unfit to meet foreign competition or national defence requirements.

The Maritime Administration had already been granted \$80,500,000 in an appropriations bill for shipbuilding and repair work for the coming year which would finance the building or conversion of eight ships as well as some prototypes to be paid for in full by the Government along with repair and maintenance of the "moth-ball fleet."

## Unused Funds

The request for another \$60 million was turned down by the Senate Appropriations Committee last weekend on the ground that most of the previous appropriation had not been used up.

Shipping company and Maritime Administration officials said the request for a supplementary appropriation would be renewed when Congress re-assembled next year.

But congressional sources said it was highly unlikely that the money once refused would be approved in a reversal particularly as Congress would adjourn within the next two weeks.—Reuter.

Globe Girdler On Second Leg

New York, July 26.  
Susan Bryan, 21, left New York on Tuesday for Paris in a Pan American airliner on the second leg of her try for a new round-the-world record by commercial air travel.

Miss Bryan, who stopped over here 3½ hours after the first jump from San Francisco, left at 5:20 p.m. (5:20 a.m. EST time). She has set her sights on a world girdling trip of 100 hours and 55 minutes.

She is trying to better the present 115-hour record for non-jet airliners.

Her schedule will be so close, she said, that she expects to see little more of the cities on her route than their airport. The cities include Bern, Rome, Beirut, Baghdad, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Manila, Wake Island and Honolulu.

Associated Press.



# SAND AND BLOOD...

★ The message in the leaves was quite clear. A matador would be injured... did this story really happen? Tomorrow the answer will be published.

I HAD flown out to Gibraltar to lecture to units of the garrison. On arrival I arranged details with the Education Officer, Captain Sullivan, an Irishman.

"And for relaxation, there's a bullfight at La Linea on Sunday," he said. "That is, if you like bullfights."

"I do not like bullfights, even in their modernised and restricted form. But I do enjoy the study of crowds in any country. Hence I always go to the arena when in Spain." The corridas advertised at La Linea promised interest for they included a "local boy makes good" element. A man from La Linea had achieved national fame as a matador, and was now returning to his home town. The crowd reactions should be worthy of study.

It was arranged that I should lunch on the Sunday at Sullivan's flat. He had a good-looking Welsh wife and two lively children. His wife's mother was also there, on a visit—and she herself was an interesting study in a pleasing vein—an old lady abroad for the first time, straight from her Welsh valley, flown out to Gibraltar—and neither the Rock nor Spain interested her at all! She devoted all her attention to her grandchildren, and they loved her.

## A reputation

I had assumed that Mrs Sullivan was coming with us to La Linea, since such a devoted baby sitter was available. "No," she said, as we prepared for the journey. "I was coming—I don't like the bulls, but the pageantry and grace of the toreros thrill me. But something happened."

"What?" "Well—I don't know if you believe in this kind of thing, but in our valley in Wales mother used to have a reputation as a wise woman. Among other things, she used to tell fortunes, using tea leaves. But some years ago there was a disturbing incident—she foretold a death, and it happened. She was so upset that she refused ever to read the tea leaves again. You probably think that the whole idea is rubbish? I have the traditional English distrust of anything I cannot explain. But the case Mrs Sullivan mentioned could have been sheer coincidence.

## 'My fortune'

"Oh, I don't think that's the explanation," she said. "Mother was right far too often to dismiss the results as coincidences. Anyway, one evening last week two Indian friends called in. The conversation got round to magic, the psychic, prophecy, fortune-

telling, and so on. When I told them about my mother they were very interested, and at last I persuaded her to show them how to tell fortunes by tea leaves. So that there could be no danger of upset, she told mine." "Yes?" "And she told me that I would see a matador gored by a bull. I couldn't stand that, so I'm not going."

Intrigued, I beguiled Mrs Sullivan away from her grandchildren for a few minutes. I wanted to get one point clear.

"It is a matador who is to be gored by the bull?" I asked.

"Yes." "You know what a matador is?" "Yes. A bullfighter."

"But what particular kind of bullfighter?"

## All the same

But the old lady did not know. Matadores, picadors, banderillos—to her they were all just bullfighters—she had no idea of their respective functions. As she said, they weren't very interested in such things in her Welsh valley.

by  
Bernard  
Newman



BERNARD NEWMAN talks and writes with equal agility. As a lecturer he has toured Europe, Asia and North America. As an author he has written about places as far apart as Moscow and Monaco, with espionage his favourite subject.

Newman is married, has three daughters, and lives at Harrow-on-the-Hill. At 58 he works off surplus energy by walking and cycling.



Again, courage was the key to the moment. Men almost flung themselves on the bull as the growling matador was carried off.

"I gather that the matador is to be wounded, not killed?" I suggested. "Oh, no. The leaves were quite clear—he won't die." At the last moment Mrs Sullivan grabbed her hat. "I'm coming," she announced. "You're right—this tea leaves business is coincidence, or something like that. It can't mean anything. How could it? I'm coming."

## A thrill

We got seats on the shady side of the arena, and the series of six bullfights began. The first started with a thrill. Two picadors entered on their heavily-laden horses, and the black bull charged one of them furiously. He got his great horns under the horse's belly—the picador prevented injury, but the bull lifted the horse off its feet, and unseated the picador.

Mrs Sullivan turned to me anxiously.

"It's all right," I said. "It's the matador we have to watch."

Attendants picked up the heavily-armoured picador and planted him on his horse, apparently unharmed. The fight went on to its inevitable conclusion—that is an English objection to bullfighting. A fox does stand a chance of escape, but the bull always dies. True, if he fights bravely he gets a big round of applause as he is dragged out of the sandring—but he can't hear it!

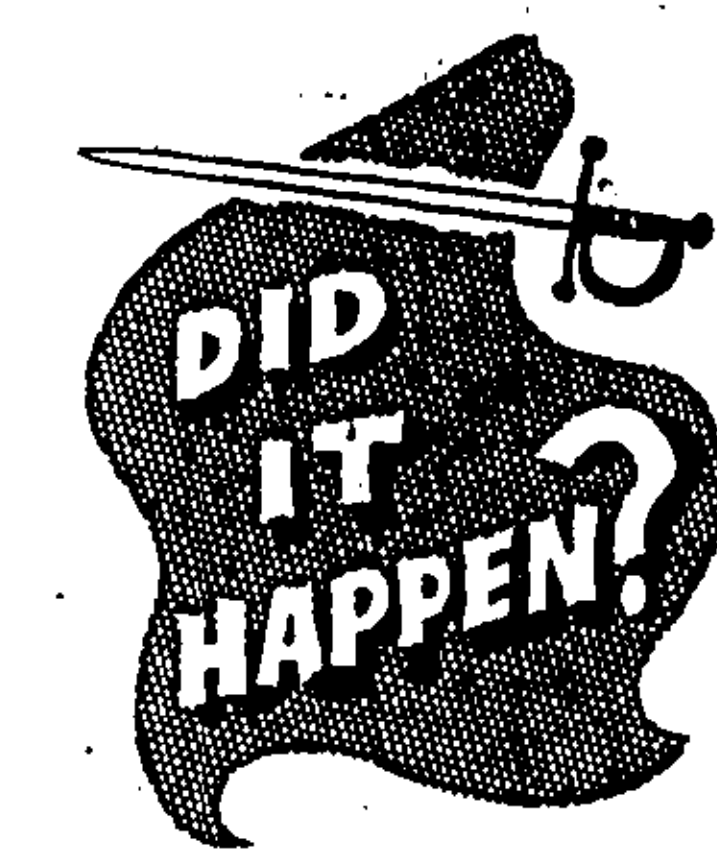
The third fight featured the local man. He got a tremendous reception, but I know the Spanish crowd. The most popular matador can be booed if he fails to produce his best.

This was the unhappy fate of the gaily-apparelled man. He could do nothing right. Once he slipped as the bull was passing his waving cloak, and I heard Mrs Sullivan catch her breath. Then he hopelessly bungled his kill. He made several thrusts with swords, but the bull stood panting after its vain charges. Eventually it had to be despatched by the dagger of the veterinary attendant.

## Unlucky

This is almost the deepest disgrace a matador can suffer. The local man retired, visibly disconsolate. However, later he would have a second fight in which he might retrieve his reputation.

Now came a diversion of a different kind. As the fourth bull stamped into the arena a youth jumped over the surrounding barricade. He carried a crude red cloak, and waved it vigorously.



DID IT HAPPEN?

There was a ripple of excitement through the crowd. Such intrusions are not unknown. A youth with bullfighting ambitions will take such a risk—will play the bull with his cloak until attendants take him away. If he has shown skill and courage a matador may offer him a post as a sort of apprentice in his entourage.

But this young man was unlucky—and clumsy. He turned away from the bull's onrush too late, and was knocked sprawling into the sand. The bull turned to maul him, its great horns lowered.

"Oh!" cried Mrs Sullivan. "But he's the matador—in a way!"

"No. He's only an aspirant. And he's only got to lie close to the ground—he won't be hurt. Now banderillos were waving their cloaks to entice the bull away. The youth, unhurt, scrambled to his feet and returned to the barricade.

## Thrown down

This bull was agile indeed. He galloped from side to side of the arena in the preliminary bating, not realising that his intention was to fire him. Then the picadors entered, close to the barricade. One look up his position just beneath us. The bull saw him, snorted, and charged.

It was an unlucky day for picadors. Long before the man could use his stout pike the bull's horns had toppled his mount over and thrown him headlong to the ground. I think he must have sustained some concussion, for he failed to move—and the bull was in fighting mood.

Now bullfighting arouses fierce argument about cruelty; nor is this countered by the grace and agility of the toreros. But no one could ever doubt the courage of the men who adopt this dangerous profession; or their devotion to their friends.

Our corner of the arena was suddenly a blaze of colour, as all the principals waiting for the

next fight rushed in to the fallen picador's aid. The furious bull was flashing his horns in savage sweeps, but men literally pushed him away from the helpless man. The beast twisted and turned with amazing agility, intent on dealing out death, but the volunteers never faltered. Cleverly they enticed the maddened bull away.

Then, above the excited shouts of the crowd, I heard a sharp cry. A man fell—and a rivulet of blood appeared in the sand.

## Must go on

Mrs Sullivan turned to me, white-faced. "It's a matador!" She was right. The injured man was the local matador, who had rushed into the arena to help. The bull's horns had ripped open his groin—an ugly wound.

Again courage was the key to the moment. Men almost flung themselves on the bull as attendants carried off the growling matador. The attention of the crowd must go on. But we were deep in uneasy thought.

"But how do you explain it?" Mrs Sullivan demanded. "I could not. Coincidence could not explain the old lady's insistence that only a matador would be injured—though she did not know what a matador was!"

## On the sand

Two days later I went with a local newspaper man to see the injured matador in hospital. His wound must have been painful, but he began to talk about his disappointing display in his own fight.

"What sort of fight ever fought?" he said bitterly. "And in my home town."

"Maybe that was the explanation," I suggested. "It is easy to get nervous before your own people."

"Yes. But there was something wrong with me. Usually I am absolutely confident. But my concentration went wrong—and in my profession concentration is first and last. I allowed a little thing to distract my attention."

"What was it?" "Well, as I eyed the bull for his first charge, I saw a few leaves on the sand."

## Quite clear!

"Leaves!" I cried. "What kind of leaves?" "Olives, I think. I suppose they'd blown in. But it was my own fault—I shouldn't have noticed them. But I did. And that gave me a bad start."

We asked about his wound. "The doctor won't tell me much," he complained; then, suddenly and impudently, "I'm not going to die, am I?" "Oh no!" I assured him confidently. "You're not going to die—I have that on the best authority. The leaves were quite clear!"

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## DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this point by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by...

Stevie Smith

Did yesterday's story—I'm Sure it was No. 51, by A. M. Burgess—actually happen? The answer is YES. WORLD COPYRIGHT RESERVED

# On Target for Direct Hits

By Chapman Pincher

BRITAIN'S guided rockets are now so far advanced that they have made several direct hits on target aircraft flying off the British coast.

In at least one case the target—a pilotless robot plane called a "Drone"—was completely holed by the missile which went right through it.

The missile has repeatedly reached their targets in spite of attempts by scientists to jam them with false radio signals.

## THE 'BRAIN'

These successes mean that the Supply Ministry rocket men are now well on the way to solving the main problems of intercepting high-speed bombers flying at great heights.

Two kinds of guided weapons have been tested—missiles fired from jet fighters and bigger ground-launched rockets which are to replace anti-aircraft guns. The warheads contained only a small amount of explosive which scattered the sparking

powder as soon as the rocket got within killing range of their targets.

Two Drones have been used at once in some tests to see how well a missile's built-in "brain" can concentrate on one target and ignore others.

This ability is essential for any missile designed to counter massed bomber attacks. Without it a missile's "brain" becomes confused if it encounters several targets at once and it may fail to attack any.

As a missile sought out its Drone target, flying lower than a bomber, it radioed back details of its performance to the ground control crew.

Trials involving missiles fitted with complete explosive warheads will be carried out at the big desert rocket range at Woomera, South Australia.

## EATING OR DRINKING?

WHEN a cat greedily laps up a saucer of milk, is it hungry or thirsty? Scientists were in doubt as to whether a cat can distinguish between the sensations of hunger and thirst. So they put nine to the test.

Each cat was put in a box which had a movable metal bar running along the right and left sides.

If the cat pressed the right-hand bar food appeared out of a hole. If it pressed the left one a bowl of water appeared.

When the cats had learned to distinguish between the two bars the scientists made them thirsty by giving them salty fish and then put them back in the box.

## MORE SENSE

They went straight to the left-hand bar, pressed it and slaked their thirst almost every time.

Whenever they were put in the box after being given a good drink they almost always pressed down the food bar.

The scientists—Dr Clark Bailey and Dr Lyman Porter, of Yale University—are now convinced that cats have more sense than they thought. But they have not settled the question about the milk, for it seems that most cats will lap it up whether they are parched or famished.



"MM—I WONDER WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WATER JUGS?" London Express Service

# Nathaniel Gubbins

AS this is the only column in the world read by animals I hope my dog readers will pay special attention today.

Up till now the reign of the doggie has been unchallenged. Gradually they have usurped human rights and taken over human activities.

They have booked the best seats in crowded trains. They have learned how to tell the time. One dog has used a telephone. Another has laughed at jokes. There was also a speaking dog who was supposed to have said "I want more," when his dinner plate was empty.

Dogs are taking over police duties to such an extent that a super-intelligent Alsatian will soon be an inspector and probably head of the C.I.D.

One of my nightmares is that dogs will one day represent us in Parliament. The doggie has long ago given up believing in his own existence and, after a few shots of rye whisky, informed the delighted reporters that they were nothing but a lot of bad dreams.

That is what I have always hoped about my people. I think I have met. But I'm afraid it's too good to be true.

weather. The girls I took on the river, for instance.

Possibly they were not reclining on the cushions in the gurt under big sun hats. Why should they want sun hats if there was no sunshine?

Possibly they never trailed their small pale hands in the water.

Possibly their tiny hands would have been frozen in the cold river, if there had been any river, or if there had been any girls. Yes, or any my doggie.

When once my memory has been proved wrong you begin to doubt everything.

During the last war there was a hermit in America—unless my memory has gone haywire again—who refused to believe in the existence of any body, including himself. Though he might have found it easier if he had been in England during an air raid.

He told reporters that everybody and everything existed only in our imagination. He had long ago given up believing in his own existence and, after a few shots of rye whisky, informed the delighted reporters that they were nothing but a lot of bad dreams.

That is what I have always hoped about my people. I think I have met. But I'm afraid it's too good to be true.

## Moment Of Truth

THOSE who enjoy bullfighting make excuses for their bloodlust by comparing their hideous scene to a ballet. They babble of the poetry of movement and describe the bull's death as "the moment of truth."

I wonder how they would have enjoyed the moment of truth when I killed my first bluebottle this summer.

The bull-ring was the dining-room one hot afternoon last week. The only spectator was Lottie the Devil Cat, who also wanted to be picador and bandillero.

The matador (me) was armed with a rolled-up magazine. The bull, or bluebottle, seemed young and fit and certainly had traps. A Spanish word meaning liveliness.

It came buzzing happily to its execution, unaware of the matador with his cloak—a red checkered dish cloth—and his pique sword, or dagger, flung down by the solitary spectator.

Round and round the room it went, banging its plump body occasionally on the ceiling, and no doubt relishing that summer heat.

All the bluebottle's joyous life was before it, the bright, warm days, the choice meals in smelly dustbins, the stolen snacks of cold meat when you crawled under the covers in the larder, and the wonderful moment when nobody was looking and you had a pot of jam to yourself.

But, like the foolish Spanish bull, whose movements are predictable to their tormentors, the bluebottle did exactly as I

expected. Instead of crawling on the ceiling, where it would have been safe, it settled on the window-pane above the sideboard, and made its doom certain.

Lottie the (bandillero) Devil Cat wanted to use her claws as darts to weaken the victim, but matador Gubbins would have none of that unsporting stuff.

He approached the bluebottle, cloak in left hand, paper sword in right hand. The idea was to trap it against the glass with the cloak and give it a quick, clean death stroke as it struggled underneath. But the bluebottle buzzed away from the first flourish of the cloak and dodged a clumsy thrust from the sword.

It was then that Lottie the Devil Cat became Lottie Fortyn the ballet dancer. Using the sideboard as a stage for her hind legs, she danced backwards, forwards and sideways as her front paws flashed at the elusive bluebottle on the window-pane. It was certainly poetry of movement and, with her tail fluffed out in a graceful curve behind, a pretty sight to watch.

But, after all, it is the matador's job to make the kill. So Lottie was brushed aside before she was injured by the whirling paper sword, and the bluebottle was struck a mortal blow.

This was the moment of truth. This was death in the afternoon as it is in Spain.

But it must be the first time the audience took part in the fight and ate the victim whole in front of the matador.

Three Times Lucky

AN enthusiast for the Mohammedan faith has pointed out in a magazine that for sheer simplicity it is impossible to improve on the divorce laws.

A Mohammedan husband has only to say "Talak" (meaning "Get out") three times to his wife and a divorce is complete.

A Mohammedan wife has only to say "Ila" (meaning "I am not") three times to her husband and a divorce is complete.

Of course, it is difficult to see why he has to say it three times unless it's on the principle of third time lucky. Once should be enough for a sensitive woman, though it may be a precaution against a word spoken in the heat of the moment. Or it may be intended to give a third chance to wives young or old either dead or not very quiet on the uptake.

All the same, it is an improvement on some of the Western divorce laws. It dispenses with arguments and lawyers' fees. Incompatibility of temperament does not have to be proved. Any man who shouts "Get out!" to his wife three times has obviously reached a state when things simply can't go on.

It also keeps girls up to the mark. One morning at breakfast with her hair in curlers or a face gleaming with night cream and the "Talak" and back to mother for her.

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# COMBINED SERVICES' CRICKET TOUR OF MALAYA

By "PRONORTH"

Those interested in cricket in the Colony may care to learn the results of the matches played by the Combined Services team in Singapore and Penang. After the two-day match against Combined Services Singapore, already fully reported in the Press, the side were glad to have a day's rest: much against their will this included a morning's nets on which the Captain wisely insisted.

## Combined Services v. University of Malaya (Friday July 15)

Chubb and Carnell were rested in this match, and Birley and Crouch came in their place. Howard-Dobson won the toss, and decided to bat on a fairly easy matting wicket. Pritchard and Green put on 38 for the first wicket, Pritchard batting as though he was continuing his admirable hundred of the previous match, but when Green was out Spooner and Ford followed quickly.

Once Pritchard was out for 33 only Howard-Dobson showed any confidence against the spin bowlers Ratnam and Delikan, and Combined Services were all out for 152. Howard-Dobson being 65 not out.

Birley got two quick wickets, but then followed a good stand of 43 between Thilagarani and Delikan. Delikan, a Ceylonese, is a Colony player and looks a cricketer in everything he does. He is a foreing bat, a dangerous leg spinner and a beautiful slip fielder.

It was a surprise when he gave an easy catch to mid-off to Spooner. He made 42 delightful runs. When he had gone the others soon followed: Spooner (off breaks) and Pritchard (leg cutters) bowled steadily and well and took 4 and 2 respectively.

St Johnston was an adequate deputy for Chubb as wicket keeper.

This was a delightful game of cricket: the University are a most friendly side and play their cricket as it should be played. The standard of umpiring, by two students, was the highest seen on the tour.

### THE SCORES

#### Combined Services

Pritchard, b. Delikan b. K. T. Ratnam	33
Green, b. Delikan b. K. T. Ratnam	14
Spoooner, b. Delikan b. K. T. Ratnam	1
Ford, b. K. J. Ratnam	1
Howard-Dobson, not out	65
Taylor, b. K. J. Ratnam	10
Lipscombe, b. Marks	4
Dhabher, b. Marks	1
Crouch, b. Newton b. Delikan	1
St Johnston, b. K. J. Ratnam	1
Birley, b. K. T. Ratnam	1
Extras	12
Total	152

#### Bowling

**Combined Services v  
Singapore Cricket  
Club (July 16)**

#### Combined Services v. Singapore Cricket Club (July 16)

Chubb again won the toss on a bright hot day, on a perfect wicket both openers were back in the pavilion for 14 runs. Then followed a good stand of 53 between Ford and Spooner: neither was quite muddling the ball but at least they were there, and runs were coming; occasionally both produced sparkling shots that showed what they could do when in form.

At lunch time however both were out and the score was 87 for 4. Howard-Dobson and Taylor took few chances after lunch against steady bowling: in fact the rate of scoring slowed to such an extent that both got out in attempting to score more quickly. Unfortunately the rest of the side followed their example and the innings closed at 123, leaving Singapore Cricket Club plenty of time to get the runs.

Carnell and Birley opened the bowling: Carnell bowled quite well, but without the fire he showed in the first match. He certainly troubled Sheppard, who has played for Scotland, and eventually bowled him. Spooner again bowled steadily and well, Singapore won considerably by five wickets. Glendinning finishing the match with a splendid six over long-on.

After the game bats were presented by the President of the Singapore Cricket Club to Ford of Combined Services for the best knockings on the tour, and to the best bowling performance. Mr Kirkham was thanked by both Captains for his generosity.

### THE SCORES

Pritchard, b. Kirkham	8
Green, b. W. D. Pritchard	27
Spoooner, b. Kirkham	27
Ford, b. W. D. Pritchard	41
Howard-Dobson, b. Kirkham	11
Taylor, b. W. D. Pritchard	13
Lipscombe, b. W. D. Pritchard	13
Dhabher, b. W. D. Pritchard	13
Crouch, b. W. D. Pritchard	13
Carnell, b. W. D. Pritchard	13

#### Bowling

Total .....	123
Bowling: Farmer 3 for 31; Woodhouse 3 for 40; Kirkham 2 for 21.	
Singapore Cricket Club	
Sheppard, b. Carnell .....	32
Hardy, c. Green b. Carnell .....	12
Watkinson, c. Pritchard b. Carnell .....	8
Kirkham, c. Chubb b. Pritchard .....	10
Atkell, b. Chubb b. Spooner .....	15
Glendinning not out .....	53
Rice not out .....	6
Extras .....	14
Total for 3 .....	129

#### Bowling

Carnell 3 for 32; Spooner 1 for 38; Pritchard 1 for 12
Combined Services v. Penang Sports Club (Sunday July 17)

An extremely weary cricket team climbed into a Vuletta at Changi Airport at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday, July 17. They were at ready time by two days' cricket and some by their excesses of Saturday evening, and were now faced with a two-hour flight to RAF Butterworth to play a game at Penang.

Their innings (Chubb had won the toss again) reflected their weariness: there can be no other excuse for the batting on a pitch which, though lively at times, was laid in perfect surroundings.

Gundry-White, who was to have been in the Combined Services side, opened the bowling for the opposition and removed Pritchard and Spooner in his first over.

Crouch played confidently. But eventually fell to a full toss, and after this only Ford, who ran himself out, and Howard-Dobson, who played his best innings of the tour, made any sense of some ordinary bowling.

A last wicket stand between St Johnston and Howard-Dobson put on his first seven overs.

Carnell took two wickets for six runs, but then lost his length, and only Spooner as usual, bowled a length. Even so Penang were perhaps fortunate to win as Urquhart, who made 50, might well have been out more than once though he hit a fine six off Carnell over the side.

Penang won by four wickets, and then proceeded to show the team some very old-fashioned hospitality. It was a most enjoyable and entertaining visit, though there were some very tired eyes on the aeroplane at 6.30 a.m. on Monday morning.

### THE SCORES

Pritchard, b. Gundry-White	2
Green, b. Urquhart	12
Spoooner, b. Urquhart	12
Ford, run out	27
Howard-Dobson, not out	50
Urquhart, b. Gundry-White	4
Lipscombe, b. W. D. Pritchard	2
Chubb, run out	2
Crouch, b. Gundry-White	2
Newton, b. Poyatz	0
St Johnston, b. Jones	0
Extras	4
Total	103

#### Bowling

**Bowling**  
 Cornell 2 for 27; Spooner 4 for 24  
**Combined Services v**  
**Army Singapore**

#### Combined Services v. Army Singapore (Tuesday, July 19)

Chubb and Lipscombe stood down for the last match of the tour: following his captain's example, Howard-Dobson won the toss. Once again on an easy matting wicket against very ordinary bowling the batting, apart from Pritchard, collapsed and only Extras reached double figures. Pritchard's innings was invaluable: he combined immaculate defence against good balls with an eager readiness to hit the bad ones and if occasionally he was fortunate he deserved all his luck. He made 69 not out of 124.

### Leading Averages

BATTING	Runs	HS	NO	Aver
Maj. Howard-Dobson (7 H.)	224	78	2	58
LA Pritchard (RHKDF)	219	110	2	54.75
2/Lt Ford (1 Northampton)	104	41	1	17.33
Sgt Taylor (RAF)	70	38	1	11.66
BOWLING	Runs	HS	W	Aver
J/T Birley (RAF)	39	14	6	6.5
LA Pritchard (RHKDF)	17	14	14	10.7
Pte. Carnell (RHKDF)	17	14	14	10.7
2/Lt Spooner (1 Northampton)	59	103	15	10.6

The Army started quite well, and when tea was taken early because of rain they were 40 for 1. After tea Birley bowled really well: he was bowling medium pace with a short-end run, always bowled a length and made the ball move a little either way.

St Johnston took two catches behind the wicket and the fielding generally was of a high standard. Birley's figures were 14.3 overs, 7 maidens, 8 wickets for 18 runs—a fine achievement by any standard.

### THE SCORES

Pritchard, not out	69
Green, b. Lewis b. Barron	4
Ford, b. Calver b. Barron	1
Taylor, b. Barron b. Calver	1
Howard-Dobson, run out	3
Spoooner, b. Barron	0
Dhabher, b. Davidson b. Mason	0
St Johnston, b. Davidson	0
Mason	8
Crouch, b. W. D. Pritchard	8
Birley, b. Lewis b. Barron	8
Carnell, b. Webb (J.W.)	1
Mason, Extras	14
Total	124

#### Bowling

Wellard, lbw, b Birley .....	10
Dauncey, c Birley b. Spooner ..	10
Webb (H.), c St. Johnston b.	
Birley .....	3
Barron, b. Birley .....	0
Calver, c. Dhabher b. Spooner ..	4
Lewis, b. Birley .....	3

#### Bowling

Birley 1 for 18; Spooner 2 for 10
Summary

The team played five matches, won two, lost two and drew one. If this was not as good a record as was hoped and expected the side was by no means disgraced. They were of course handicapped by lack of practice and by the heat, which all the players found exhausting; the consumption of salt tablets was remarkable.

The batting as the records show depended largely on Pritchard and Howard-Dobson, one of whom always seemed to play on in each innings. They played one or two good innings and always looked a batsman, as did Spooner, Taylor and Green; unfortunately luck was not with them.

The bowling was perhaps disappointing: Carnell and Birley each had a good match but neither was entirely consistent. On the other hand Spooner always bowled accurately, and intelligently and in fact took more wickets than anyone else.

Pritchard, using his slower method, also bowled well but a bruised rib prevented him from bowling in the last two games.

The holding except in the first and last matches was never as good as expected, probably owing to stiffness. Ford and Dhabher were always outstanding and Crouch, Lipscombe and Spooner held some good catches.

The side was always a happy one and for this a great deal was due to Major Chubb's cheerful leadership, without whose enthusiasm indeed the tour would never have taken place. Everyone was sorry that his eye was out and that one was unable to see one of his hard-hitting lineings.

A few remarks on Singapore cricket may not be out of place: as some people will know they run a cricket tournament on the same lines as in Hongkong—the present leaders are Army, Singapore Cricket Club and University.

The tour, is much the same as in this Colony, and Hongkong has little to fear in an Interport match.

There are no fast bowlers but some good spinners. Cricket is played on matting, except on the Padang, which is a very good wicket.

It is to be hoped that this tour will lead to a visit to Hongkong by a Singapore Combined Services team and by a resumption of Interport matches; the possibility of this is being considered in Singapore. The will certainly exist if a way can be found: if the recent tour has acted as a stimulus it will not have been in vain.

## MOSS RECEIVES THE TROPHY



Laurel wreathed after his victory in the British Grand Prix at Aintree on July 17, is British driver Stirling Moss. He won in a German Mercedes by a fraction of a second from his team mate, World Champion Fangio. Moss is about to receive the trophy.—Central Press Photo.

# MY TIP TO STATHAM IS 'TAKE IT EASY'

Says DENIS COMPTON

Since the time when, as a novice to county cricket, I watched big Jim Smith, of Middlesex, remove his boots from his chafed and weary feet at the end of a hot day in the field, I have had a healthy respect for fast bowlers.

During the 1950-51 tour of Australia, one enterprising greengrocer did flourishing business by advertising cabbages "with hearts as big as Freddie Brown."

That was a fitting tribute to team spirit during the recent tour of Australia.

At one particularly critical period during the Sydney Test I looked up at the end of an over and saw him walking across the field with one shoulder held considerably higher than the other, arms held motionless at his sides.

I thought to myself: "Someone in the team walks like that." Then I realised who that someone was—Tom Graveney!

Another over was completed and Colin moved to a new position in the field with what I am told is a familiar hobble. This time Colin was limping!

By now every other player has "caught on" to Colin's act and wondered what he would do next.

Sure enough, during the next over he had captured the gestures of another—the skipper, Len Hutton, with Len's habit of tugging at the peak of his cap with his left hand.

A square-shouldered walk, with shirt collar turned up, and with hands placed outwards, signified that Peter May was next for treatment.

That afternoon Colin went through practically the whole

### NOT ALWAYS EASY

All this good fun was guaranteed to keep the team in high spirits—not always easy towards the end of a long and arduous tour.

My Middlesex colleague, Jack Young, is another great mimic, and Warwickshire cricketers are taking special enjoyment this summer out of impersonations by their happy little New Zealander, Ray Hitchcock.

At times spectators must think they are seeing double. Ray Hitchcock is not only a leg-spin bowler, like Eric Hollies. He has the same rolling gait and the same way of delivering the ball.

To strengthen his "act," Ray is purposely copying many of Eric's mannerisms.

Eric, for instance, is another of the cap-tugging band. He also has a habit just before he bowls, of wiping his finger on the waistband of his flannels.

This is perfect material for the perky Hitchcock who originally went to Edgbaston as a left-handed batsman.—London Express Service.

# Sovietsky Sport Discovers The Trojans Of USC

Moscow, July 26. Russia's track and field athletes were warned on Tuesday by the nation's leading sports newspaper that the United States has developed a whole new crop of stars who already are breaking world records and present a great threat for the 1956 Olympics.

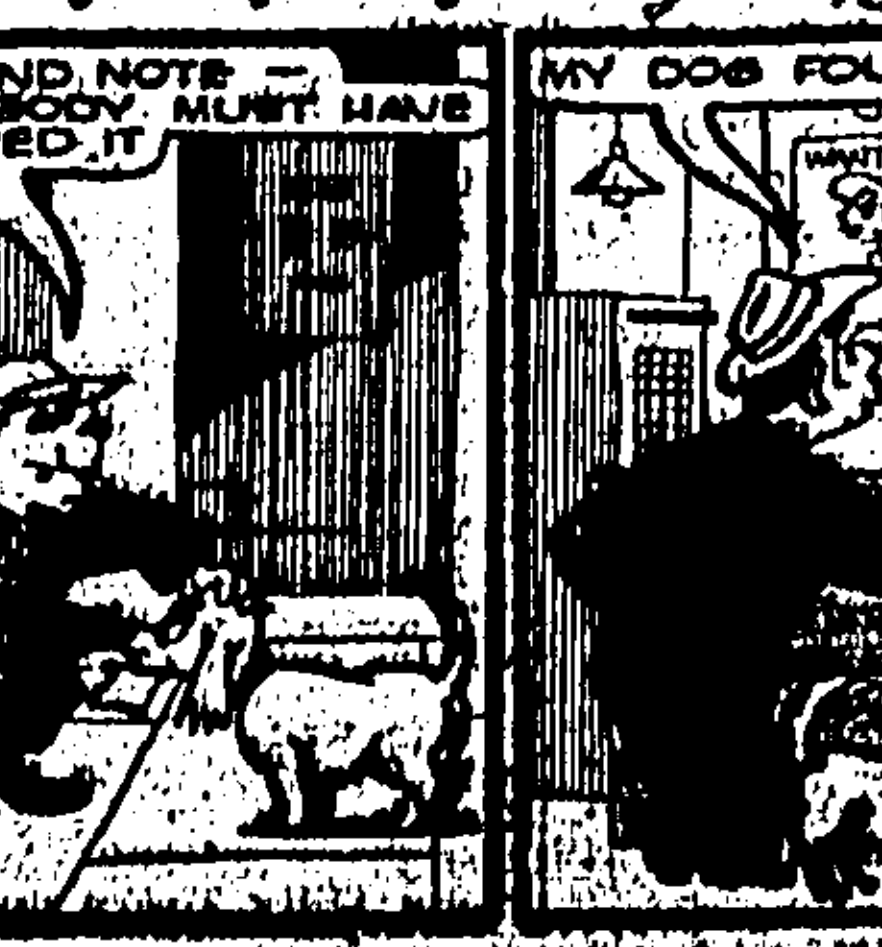
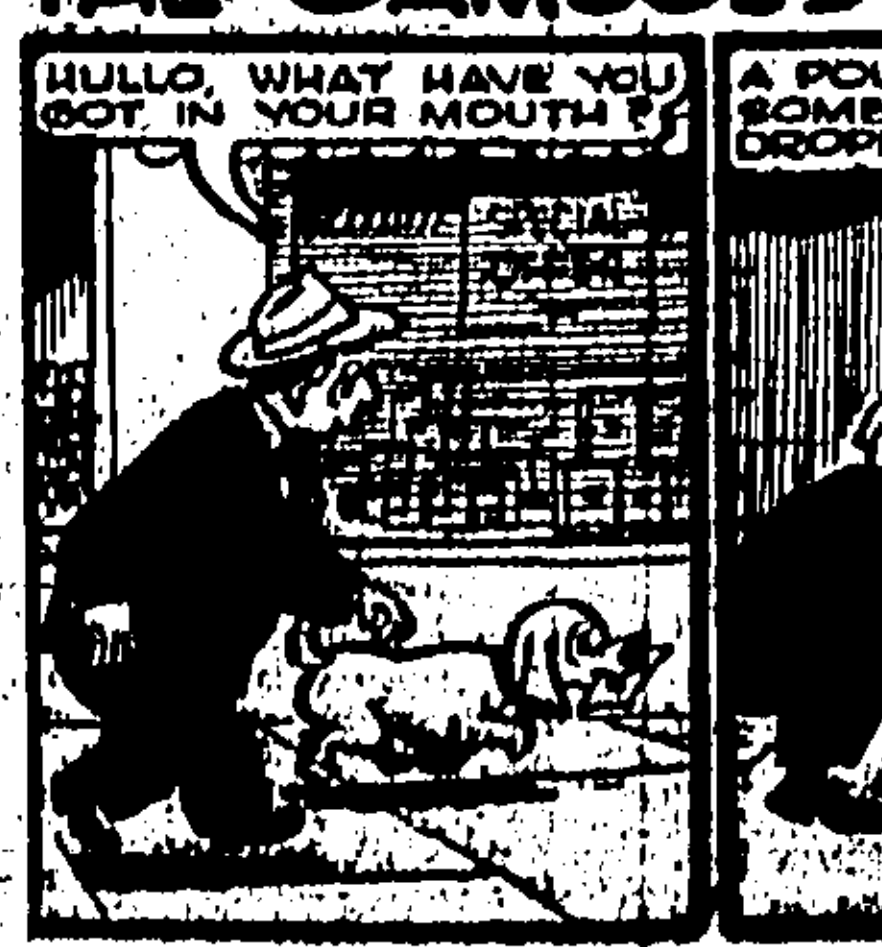
The newspaper, Sovietsky Sport, especially lauds the University of Southern California which, it says, has "turned out a great number of Champions and world record holders during the past 25 to 30 years."

In an article summarising the 67th USA Track and Field Championships, Sovietsky Sports pointed out that "the majority of first places went to young athletes."

We all welcome Colin Cowdrey back to Test cricket—and for those of us in the team he brings not only his great cricketing ability but a gift that helps to relieve the big match strain.

Sovietsky Sport praised Jim Goldiday in the 100 and 220 Yards dashes.

## THE GAMBOLES



# 3 Day Singapore Cycling Race Is Cancelled

By "NTACA"

Big — and bad — news of the week is the cancellation of the Three-Day Race at Singapore. The only information to hand is that the race is "OFF", no reason being given, but it is assumed that the present unsettled state of that country makes the holding of such an event undesirable. Perhaps, some time in the future.....

The RAF Novice Competition came to an end last Sunday, the last race of the series being a 25 miles Time Trial. Winner was Lam Hong, of the SCAA, whose 1-2-22 was over two minutes better than that of second man, Hoad (Pegasus). SCAA also took third place award with Ng Kai Man, in 1-5-19.

In the overall competition, the winner was Riders of the promoting club, with a total of 11 points. Second was Jones, 7 points, and third was Hoad, 6 points. Other new best times set were the 30 miles Tandem, 1-0-40 by Gambrell and Killick; 100 miles Tricycle, 4-36-0, by Mortimer; and the Women's, 15 miles by Mary Dawson.

Altogether a good week-end. The Team contest was won by the promoters, Exiles CC, who accumulated 14 points to the 13 of the Essex and 11 of SCAA.

The Army Novices competition, promoted by the NTACA, has still one more event to go, a 50 miles Time Trial around the New Territories Road Circuit. This takes place today, starting at 4 p.m.

Last Wednesday the event was the climb of Twisk Hill, resulting in a fine win for Templeman with an actual time of 22-28, Lunn (REME) filling second place in an actual time of 22-28.

Individual positions in the overall battle are as follows: Lunn (REME), 21 pts., Philcox (Essex), 18, and Clegg (REME), 13. REME CC have taken over the lead from the Essex team in the Team struggle, leading by 40 points to 46, with the rest nowhere.

The final race promises to be a very close struggle, with handicap allowances ranging up to 26 minutes. Philcox, the only rider capable of taking the individual lead from Lunn, will not be riding. A great pity, as this very courageous rider is a danger to the last minute.

### TOUR DE FRANCE

At the time of writing, only two of the original ten starters from Britain are still in the Tour de France. Brian Robinson is occupying a meritorious 39th position, while Tony Hoar is holding on to the "Lanterne Rouge" as last of the remaining 74 participants.

Of the 132 starters, a number have been eliminated by the "Time Limit," which necessitates that all riders must finish within one per cent of the winner's time. Among them are some of the top names in international cycling, so our boys have no cause to feel unduly depressed.

Louison Bobet, French favourite to be the first man ever to win this great race three times running, is lying comfortably in second position, five minutes down on team mate Rolland.

Rolland has held the "Yellow Jersey" as race leader for the majority of the time, and is riding extremely well. It is expected that Bobet will make his attacks in the next few stages to try and build up a winning lead. And barring accidents, I cannot see anything to stop him.

### GOODWOOD STAKES

Probable Starters And Jockeys

London, July 27. Sixteen probable starters with jockeys for the Goodwood Stakes to be run over a course of two miles three furlongs at Goodwood at 1410 GMT today (Wednesday) are:

Little Cloud (L. Piggett), Arctic Slave (A. Bressley), Dingo (D. Smith), Cunningham (W. Rickaby), French Design (V. Gardner), The Black Horse (E. Smith), Vanished Age (W. Nevett), Anglo-Irishman (W. Smith), Wildcat (C. Gaston), Neptune's Queen (A. Shrive), Hilarion (H. Packham), King Contors (D. Ryan), Icarion (D. Greening), Morphise (D. W. Morris), Master Bob (S. Millbanks) and King's Counsellor (W. Swinburn).—China Mail Special.

This ride puts Booty well at the head of the two-distances table in the Best All-Rounder contest, and gives him a good chance of pulling it off.

The fastest ever time trial was the 25 by Holmes, who covered the distance in 56-8, an average





## IAN JOHNSON SAYS

## May And Cowdrey Among Five Best Batsmen Today

Kingston, Jamaica, July 26. Australia's Captain, Ian Johnson, says England's Peter May and Colin Cowdrey are among "the best five batsmen in the world today."

Writing in the 'Sunday Gleaner', he rated Everton Weekes, Clyde Walcott of West Indies and Australian Neil Harvey as "probably the top trio."

Johnson led Australia when they won the recent series against West Indies. —China Mail Special.

## LEAGUE TENNIS

The following were the results of League matches played yesterday.

**"B" DIVISION**  
CCRC vs. Real RTGA by 2-4.  
S. D. King and N. S. 2-0, 6-4.  
beat C. Luk and K. H. Lee, 6-4.  
lost to M. S. Lee and D. Yau, 6-6.  
C. Shu and T. T. Chow (CCRC) beat A. Chen and N. S. 7-5.  
beat C. Luk and K. H. Lee, 6-3.  
beat M. S. Lee and D. Yau, 6-4.  
J. Feng and S. H. Chow (CCRC) lost to A. Chen and N. S. 1-6.  
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**RCU vs. Beat RTG by 3-1.**  
A. Villiers and J. Shroff (RCU) beat A. Casanubian and W. Nolland, 6-3.  
beat F. A. Currie and S. S. Hassan, 6-2.  
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## Fifth Test Will Not Be Extended Beyond Five Days

London, July 26. There is no question of the decisive fifth Test match between England and South Africa beginning at the Oval here on August 13 being extended beyond five days although the rubber stands at two matches each.

Mr. S. C. Griffith, the MCC Assistant Secretary, stated today that the playing conditions for the final Test to be extended in certain circumstances.

In 1953 when the first four Tests between England and Australia had been drawn it was agreed to extend the final Test from five to six days but in fact only four days were needed, England winning by eight wickets. —China Mail Special.

## Unprecedented Scenes Mark S. Africa's Win

Johannesburg, July 26. Unprecedented scenes of enthusiasm over South Africa's victory of the fourth cricket Test against England at Leeds today.

Large crowds gathered outside radio stores and around portable radio sets placed on the pavements to listen to the closing over. Traffic was held up for a time in the main street in Johannesburg where a crowd of about 500 spread across the roadway day riders could be heard blaring out commentaries and as England's last wicket fell cheers from the listeners echoed round the streets. —China Mail Special.

## STEWARDS CUP

## King Bruce Survives Photo Finish To Win By A Head

Goodwood, Sussex, July 26. The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and a huge crowd attended the opening day of the four-day race meeting here and saw the 100 to 6 chance, King Bruce, carry off the Stewards Cup, the big sprint handicap.

King Bruce, one of the two topweights, had to survive a photo finish before getting the verdict in the six furlong sprint which he covered in one minute 11 and two-fifths seconds equalling the course record.

The camera showed him to have beaten the North country challenger, Roman Vale, another 100 to 6 chance by a head. The well-backed wicket, 100 to 7, was four lengths further away third of the 20 runners.

Earlier the Aga Khan's flying grey filly, Palariva, trained in France, had won the five furlong Molecomb Stakes but only after hard Deputy's head had been disqualified for bumping in another photo finish.

Palariva had started a hot odds on favourite at four to one.

**INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR**  
There was an international flavour to the meeting for apart from Palariva's victory Nicholas Nickleby, 10 to 1 winner of the Molecomb Stakes, is owned by South African Mr. Jack Gerber, and Noto, winner of the new Ham Foot Stakes is owned by an American, trained by an Irishman, and was ridden by an Australian.

Nicholas Nickleby proved his narrow Royal Hunt Cup win at Ascot was no fluke by carrying home stone, 11 lbs to victory in a big field, though the camera had to decide he was the winner by a head.

Noto, 7 to 2 favourite, was in yet another photo finish (there were five in six races) before getting the prize for £10,000 and £10,000. Mr. Mollard Waldheim, a millionaire, who was trained by Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, JP, Secretary of the FA, reads as follows:

**Law 4:**  
A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player. Boots must conform to the following standard:  
(a) Bars and studs may be made of leather, soft rubber, aluminium, plastic or similar material; if nails are used they shall be driven in flush with the surface.  
(b) Bars shall be transverse and not less than half an inch in width and they shall extend the total width of the boot and be rounded at the corners.

**CANOING**  
Hungary's World Champion Missing After Meet  
Vienna, July 26. Hungary's canoeing World Champion, Joseph Halmai, has failed to return to his country after competing in an international meeting here last weekend. It was learned today.

Halmai's absence from the Hungarian party returning to Budapest was noticed only when Hungarian border guards started checking passports at the Austro-Hungarian border train station of Hegyeshalom.

Halmai was reported as having said he was through with the life behind the Iron Curtain. —United Press.

## Denis Compton And Tyson For West Indies Tour

London, July 26. At the invitation of the West Indies Board of Control, Mr. E. W. Swanton, who is well-known to the English cricket circles, is taking a privately invited team on a five weeks tour of West Indies next March.

Although it will be largely an amateur side, Denis Compton and Frank Tyson have accepted invitations as well as another England player, Colin Cowdrey.

Fourteen Englishmen will be playing, against Barbados and Trinidad, and another four-day game with a West Indies XI at Trinidad. In addition, there will be three two-day games. —China Mail Special.

## Cezar-Gianelli Title Fight On August 10

Manila, July 27. Little Cezar of the Philippines stakes his Philippine Bantamweight crown next month against Nazareno Gianelli of Italy in a 12-round encounter at the Rizal Coliseum. The bout is scheduled for August 10.

Gianelli considered the most colourful flyweight in Europe today is ranked third among world contenders for flyweight crown of Pascual Perez of Argentina behind Leo Espinoza of the Philippines and Dan Dower of England.

Gianelli dropped his European crown to Dower in a fifteen-round bout last May and he reportedly would utilize his fight with Cezar as a "tune-up" for a return bout with Dower. In his last fight, Cezar lost to Espinoza on a 12-round decision. —United Press.

## Football Laws Amended

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees Association held at the NAAFI Club last night, Mr. L. C. Young, who was re-elected Chairman, urged that all referees give their whole-hearted support in the forthcoming season to the schoolboys football league.

Mr. Young also stated that the fees for referees may be increased but that this had yet to be confirmed by the Hongkong Football Association.

Office bearers elected for the coming year were: Mr. L. C. Young (Chairman); Major Walker (Vice-Chairman); Hon. Sec. Mr. R. P. Browning and Committee members: Messrs F. J. Stanley, S. U. Woo, J. Master-son and C. F. Minto.

At the meeting Major Walker stated that he had received amendments to the laws of football which were made at the International Board Meeting held on June 18 this year. This law which was received recently from Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, JP, Secretary of the FA, reads as follows:

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**Law 5:**  
A player shall be bound in plan and not less than half an inch in diameter. Where studs are tapered the bottom diameter of any section of a stud must not be less than half an inch. Where metal seating for the screw type is used, this seating must be part of the stud. Other than the metal seating for the screw type of stud, no metal plates, even though covered with leather or rubber shall be worn; neither studs which are threaded to allow them to be screwed on to a base, nor studs which are fixed by nails or otherwise to the sole of boots, nor studs with any form of protruding edge, nor relief marking or ornament shall be allowed.

**Law 6:**  
Combined bars and studs may be worn, provided the whole conforms to the general requirements of this law; neither bars nor studs on the sole of a boot shall project more than three quarters of an inch. (N.B.—The usual equipment of a player consists of a jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings and boots. A goalkeeper shall wear colours which distinguish him from the other players.)

**Law 7:**  
For any infringement of this law, the referee at fault shall be sent off the field of play to adjust his equipment and he shall not return until reporting to the referee, who shall satisfy himself that the player's equipment is in order; the player shall only re-enter the field at a moment when the ball has ceased to be in play.

## OPEN SINGLES

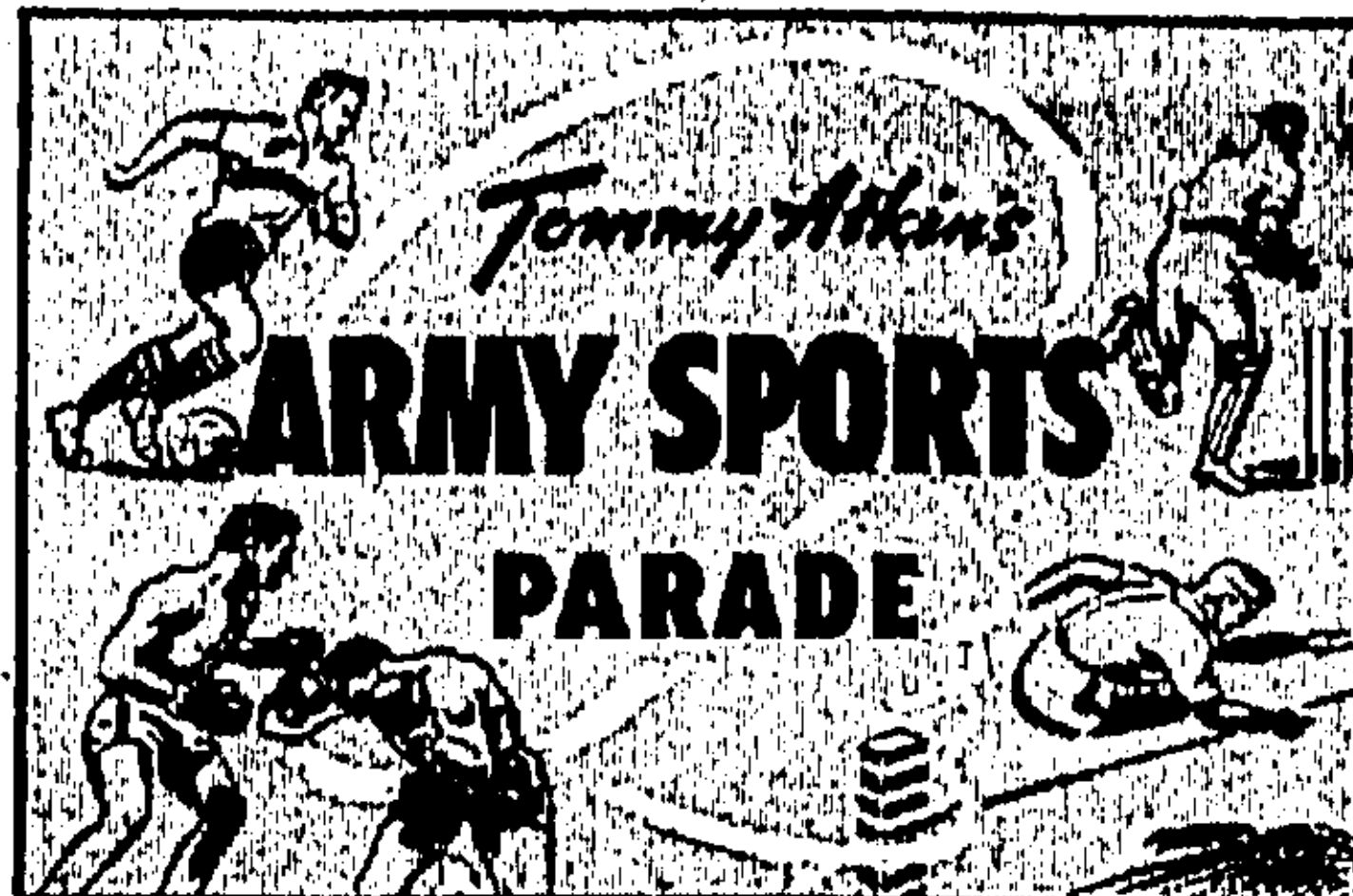
## Seemin Loses To Guterres

Upsets were the order of the day in the Colony Lawn Bowls Championships played yesterday.

The biggest upset was the downfall of A. H. Seemin, the reigning lawn bowls Singles Champion. He lost to C. A. Guterres of Recife by six shots.

Another upset featured the fall of a strong Recife trio, S. E. Souza, A. P. Pereira and C. E. Passos who were outboxed by the trio from Taikoo, G. H. Clayton, W. McColl and C. McLennan, by four shots.

**THE RESULTS**  
Pairs  
(S. Roberts and R. MacKenzie (KRC) lost to B. M. Omer and G. H. Clayton (KRC) 3-4.  
G. H. Clayton and R. B. Marshall (KRC) beat R. Telford and A. Campbell (KRC) 2-1.  
Singles  
J. H. Goodwin (PIC) beat A. R. Adams (KRC) 2-1.  
A. E. Coates (CCC) beat Robert Taylor (KRC) 2-1.  
A. G. Guterres (KRC) beat E. M. Alacorn (KRC) 2-1.  
G. A. Guterres (KRC) beat A. H. Seemin (KRC) 2-1.  
H. Seemin (KRC) beat R. Laxley (KRC) 2-1.  
Triples  
G. H. Clayton, W. McColl and C. McLennan (KRC) beat S. E. Souza, A. P. Pereira and C. E. Passos (KRC) 2-1.  
J. H. Goodwin, R. B. Marshall and G. H. Clayton (KRC) beat R. Telford and A. Campbell (KRC) 2-1.  
S. E. Souza, A. P. Pereira and C. E. Passos (KRC) beat G. H. Clayton, W. McColl and C. McLennan (KRC) 2-1.



With the Army representative sides and the Inter-Unit leagues enjoying a high measure of success water polo is right in the eyes of Army sportsmen at the present time.

News of the Land Forces Water Polo Championships of 1955 is now available and already there is eager anticipation of some excellent play and considerable speculation as to the eventual winners.

Entries for the Championships have to be submitted to the SPT not later than August 31, but it is important to point out that if there is any intention of entering a team which is formed from a combination of units, then special application with full particulars must be submitted as soon as possible.

The memory of the thrilling play in last season's competition is still fresh in many minds and there can be nothing but eager anticipation as far as this year's tournament is concerned.

**INTERESTING EXPERIMENT**  
An interesting experiment was recently carried out during a specially staged football match between two Army sides stationed in the Middle East. The news was brought to the Colony by an eye witness who is a crew member of one of the bigger ships that come here regularly.

Basically the idea was for the referee to decide between deliberate and unintentional kicking into touch much in the same way as he is called upon to decide whether certain other infringements in the course of a game are deliberate or not.

When the referee considered that the ball was accidentally put into touch he awarded a throw-in in the normal way, but if he was satisfied that a player had put the ball out of play deliberately, either to gain time for his side or to ease pressure on his defence, then the referee awarded a kick at the place on the touchline where the ball went over the line.

The gentleman who saw the game was of the opinion that once the players realised the full implications the game was greatly improved as a spectacle as the defenders in particular tried hard to keep the ball in play.

There are many people who dislike the practice of tempering with tried and trusty rules but there are probably just as many who have long felt the desperate booting of the ball into touch with waste time is ill rewarded with a throw-in.

The Army provides the ideal trial ground for experiments in things like this and it is good to hear that even the blistering heat of the Middle East does nothing to dull the active minds of the soldier sportsman.

**FAMILIAR SOUNDS**  
The thud of fist on leather and the contrasting thud of leather on flesh are now familiar sounds in every Tuesday and Thursday at the gymnasium of the Missions to Seamen where the members of the potential Colony boxing team are working hard on punch-balls and heavy bags as well as on each other.

In spite of the unseasonable weather boxing training is going on at top speed as the boxers strive for the sort of fitness that may earn them a place in the party for Singapore and participation in the South East Asian Championships.

The Army representatives are showing up well and the general high standard in the gymnasium is tending to pull out the best in all the boys. At this stage of the preparation, which is being very well planned and handled by our old friend CPO Jim Herrett of the Royal Navy, the boxers who prefer the classic style tend to show up to advantage while the knock-out experts catch the eye less frequently for, by the very nature of the methods, they reserve their vital punching power for actual ring contests.

The HKABA officials are well satisfied with the progress that is now being made and one of them has commented, "What a job it is going to be to decide who has to be left out from among such a fine collection of boxers."

Many of the older members of the RAMC in the Colony must have felt a touch of satisfaction in the news that Len Fenwick of Fleet had won the Queens' Prize at the 1954 British Amateur Championships. Mr. Fenwick has had a long association with the RAMC Depot at Crookham, and has fired many a round in the ranges there.

## TOUR DE FRANCE

## France's Bobet Goes All Out For Hat Trick Over Pyrenees Mountains

Pau, July 26.

France's World Champion Louison Bobet went flat out today over the Pyrenees mountains in his attempt to get the hat trick for the Tour de France cycling marathon.

He built up his lead as overall leader but could only make second place in the 18th stage from Saint Gaudens to here.

Belgium's Jean Brankart nipped over the finishing line for first place a shade ahead of Bobet with 6 hours, 39 minutes and 39 seconds.

The mountain climbs are over and now the sprint men will come through on the flat during the last four stages to Paris. The pack stayed together today for the first 30 miles (50 kilometres) until Spain's Miguel Poblet spurred out. He was soon joined by Charly Gaul the Luxembourg mountain ace, and

At the 5,500 foot Aubisque Pass after 93 miles (151 kilometres) Gaul led Bobet over the top by seven seconds with the other climbers trailing.

**THE LAST SPRINT**  
In the long run down to Pau, Brankart surged through with Gaul and Raphael Geminiani (France) closing in for the last spurt.

Britain's Brian Robinson became one of the greatest and surprising revelations of the 42nd Tour de France cycling race when he came in 17th in the 18th stage.

This brilliant performance over one of the toughest stages in the towering Pyrenees mountains confirmed him as a crack mountain climber, second only to the French World Champion, Louison Bobet and Charly Gaul, the Luxembourg ace.

Over yesterday's tortuous climb, Robinson finished 16th, the highest of the British placings in this 22-stage race and over an equally gruelling climb, Robinson, from Miffield, Yorks, wisely stayed with the pack of aces until the run down the 4,300 Solour Pass which formed a springboard for the terrific climb up the 6,200 Aubisque Pass. He streaked away to hip over the top of the Aubisque Pass in the 10th position, 6 minutes and 42 seconds from Gaul in the lead.

Bursting with energy but too much enthusiasm, Robinson went after the leaders on the flat only to "fade" in the streets of Pau and take 17th place. "Sea courage est formidable" exclaimed the French as he crossed the finishing line.

Tony Hoar, of Emsworth, Hants, closed in at 67th out of the 70 riders in the dry crack: "I feel pretty old".

He had got himself tangled up in another fall when Holland's Jan Nollen slipped in a turn down the Aubisque.

Hoar, still wearing a bandage on his right elbow after two previous falls, tried to avoid Nollen but turned over on to some gravel, soaked by a sudden shower.

He continued with a few scratches to head a sigh of relief: "I am glad to see the back of the mountain."

## Unemotional Ford Wins Professional Golf Title In His First Attempt

Detroit, July 26.

Unemotional Doug Ford, an expert shotmaker, won the Professional Golfers Association Championship on his first try by defeating Cary Middlecoff 4 and 3 on Tuesday in a thrilling 36-hole match.

Ford, not quite 33 years old, has been a pro less than six years and only became eligible for the PGA tournament — the toughest of all pro tournaments — this year. Playing superb, almost perfect golf, often under pressure, he swept through six strong opponents in a succession of sub-par rounds to take the title.

He is only the second player in the history of the PGA tournament to win the title on his first attempt and the fourth qualifying medalist to go clear through.

**RUGGED MATCH PLAY**  
He won the medal with a sub-par 36 hole of 150, and thus joined Walter Hagen, Olin Dutra and Byron Nelson on the short list of tournament-winning medalists. The only player before him who had won this rugged match play test of skill and endurance the first time he tried it was Tom Creavy of Albany, New York, back in 1931.

Despite seven long days of golf under a searing sun, Doug Ford, the new Professional Golfers Association Champion, smiled from behind a veil of sweat and said:

"I feel as good as the day I got here. I waited a long time for a good run."

As expected, Ford was practically mobbed by reporters, photographers and well-wishers after his brilliant 4 and 3 victory over Cary Middlecoff on Tuesday to win the prize all pro golfers desire—the PGA.

Flanked by his two young boys, Ford told newsmen that "I was playing kinda sloppy this morning and I thought Cary would pull away from me—but he didn't."

"I didn't miss many greens this afternoon," he added, "and, well, I just feel great."—Associated Press.

## Sports Diary

## TODAY

Open Singles matches at KDC, KRC, KRC and Taikoo.  
Hockey  
Hongkong Hockey Club Meeting at the Hongkong Cricket Club 4.30 p.m.

## TOMORROW

Open Pairs Championship match at CCC, KRC, KRC, Rec, TC.  
Hockey  
Open Singles Championship: Matches at JKCFC, KRC, KRC, Rec, TC.

## FRIDAY

Open Singles Championship: Matches at JKCFC, KRC, KRC, Rec, TC.

## BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, July 26. Major League baseball results today were:

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago.—Captain Al Dark's single scored pinch runner Joe Amalfitano with the winning run as the New York Giants defeated the Chicago Cubs, 6-5, in 12 innings on Tuesday.

New York ..... R H E  
Chicago ..... 6 11 0  
Winning pitcher Liddle.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington.—Washington mauled four Kansas City pitchers for 17 hits, including Roy Sievers' 10th home run, in defeating Kansas 9-3 in the final game of a doubleheader.

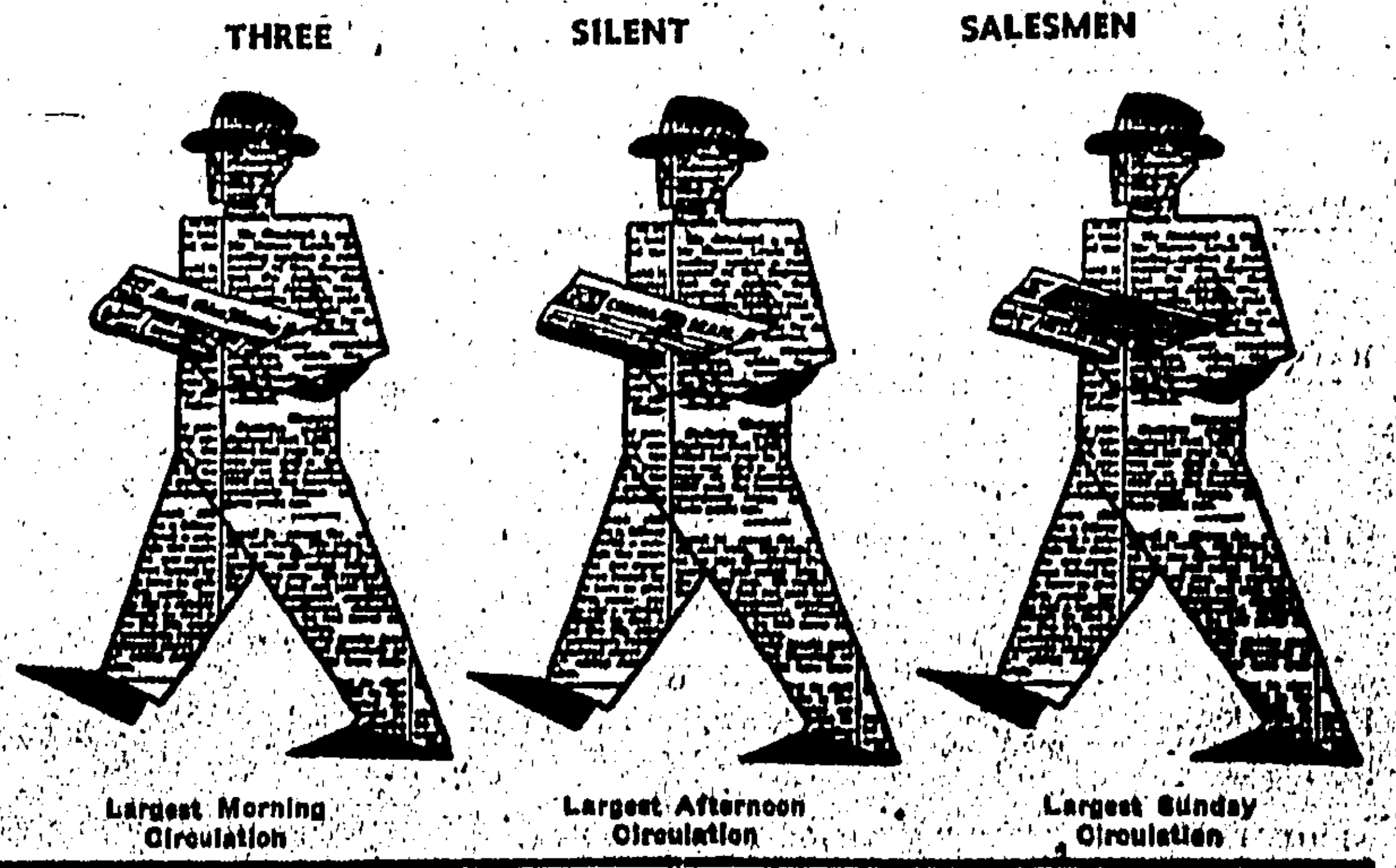
Kansas City ..... R H E  
Washington ..... 9 17 2  
Winning pitcher Porterfield.  
Josef Boyer.—Associated Press.

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## DEATHS

**KUMJAHN** Mrs. Zaitun, aged 51, at the Queen Mary Hospital, on July 26. Sister of Dr. J. A. Kumjahn, (Liverpool) A. A. Kumjahn and Mrs. A. A. Kumjahn. Funeral at 4.45 p.m. today, July 27, at the Muslim Cemetery, Happy Valley.

## LOST

**WALLET** containing ring, Press Pass and Learner's License in the name of George Tai, Funder, returned to "South China Morning Post, Ltd."

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# COMMUNISM'S POVERTY IN TERMS OF TRADE EXPORTS

By DAVID L. BOWEN  
Associated Press Writer

Communist Russia and China, two of the biggest nations in the world in terms of land area, shrink to a fraction of their size when compared with others in terms of trade exports. The United States easily becomes the biggest nation of the world when conventional lines are redrawn to show relative importance in world trade rather than actual land area.

## Drastic Change

On this standard the face of Europe undergoes drastic change. All the nations of eastern Europe contract and most of those in western Europe expand. The United Kingdom is the biggest exporter in that region, followed by West Germany and France.

The distorted map representing continents and countries on the scale of their exports was prepared by W.S. and E.S. Woytinsky as one of the illustrations of World Commerce and Government, second volume of a two-part factual and statistical description of all the major aspects of the world economy being brought out in the autumn of the Twentieth Century Fund. The first part, published two years ago, was called World Population and Production.

The map, drawn on a projection designed by Dr. Erwin Raisz, was worked out from International Monetary Fund figures giving 1952 export value in US dollars for some 90 countries and areas that represent more than 92 per cent of world trade. No recent data was available for Russia, China or the Communist satellite nations. The

relative proportions of these countries were estimated by the authors on the basis of the latest available information.

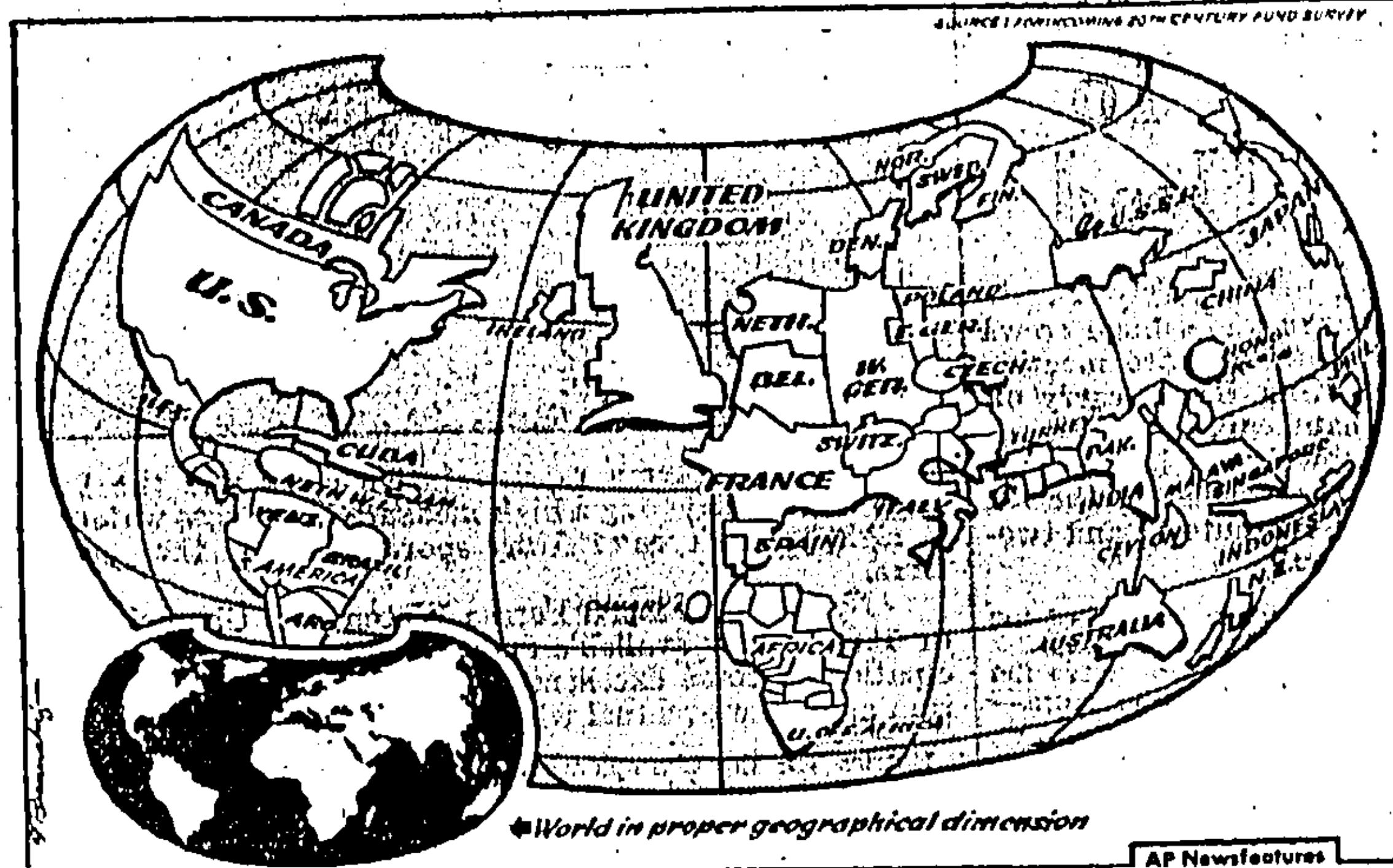
The total value of exports in 1952 was almost 78½ billion dollars. The United States accounted for better than 15 billion of this, or 20 per cent of the total. The United Kingdom had the next biggest share, 7½ billion or 10 per cent of the total. Canada was in third place with nearly five billion, followed by West Germany with just under four billion and France about 100 million under that.

In 1952 these five nations accounted for 48 per cent of world exports and 43 per cent of the imports. A total of 15 nations, the Woytinskys point out, maintained two-thirds of the world's trade while the remaining third is distributed among some 75 countries and areas.

## Index Figures

Pointing to index figures making possible comparison of the growth of world industrial output and world exports, the Woytinskys state that in 1952 world industrial production, excluding Russia was 63 per cent above the 1937 level. At the same time, world exports had risen only 35 per cent above the 1937 level.

Thus, they continue, a gap has developed between the growth of world industrial production and in-



ternational trade. They conclude that the lag in international exchange of goods seems to be a major obstacle to the further increase of production and improvement in the world's standard of living, especially in Western Europe.

## Admiral Of 'The Incident' Promoted

London, July 26. The British admiral who was launched by a seaman a week ago was promoted, on Tuesday night.

Vice-Admiral J. W. M. Eaton was named British Naval Commander-in-Chief of the American-West Coast Division and Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

The Admiralty announced the appointment even while Seaman James McSparran awaited trial on Thursday for knocking off the 52-year-old admiral's gold braided cap during an inspection.

McSparran, a husky, 22-year-old Scot, was ordered to be court-martialed for what was officially described as "The Incident" aboard Her Majesty's Ship Berry.—Associated Press.

## Soviet Visas For West Germans

Berlin, July 26. The Soviet Union, for the first time since 1945, has agreed to permit a group of West German tourists to visit the USSR, the Bayern-Express tourist agency announced here today.

A director of the agency, which arranges organized tours, said the Soviet Ambassador in Berlin had assured the agency that visas would be issued to 250 Germans who wish to be present for the soccer match between West Germany and the USSR to be played in Moscow next August 21.

The visas would permit a four-day stay in Moscow, including visits to the city and its outskirts, the director said.

He said that he thought the number of visas to be issued might be increased, following negotiations with the Soviet Embassy.—France-Press.

## Sergeant's Appeal May Take Months

London, July 26. The proposed appeal by Sergeant Frederick Emmett-Dunne to the Queen for a review of his sentence for the murder of a fellow sergeant in Germany may not be presented for several months.

Mr. George Coleman, Emmett-Dunne's solicitor, said today that much work was involved.

"We believe that some of the witnesses who gave evidence at the trial could have been mistaken about conversations which took place nearly two years ago," he added. "There are other circumstances too which I cannot disclose."

"All these matters will have to be collated for the petition," Emmett-Dunne was sentenced to hang for the murder of Sergeant Reginald Waters but

because West Germany, where the court martial was held, has no death penalty, the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.—China Mail Special.

# Famous Aviation Name Reappears

Amsterdam, July 24.

The prototype of Holland's first airliner since the war, the Fokker F-27 Friendship, will fly this summer.

Its tests will mark the return of a famous name to world civil aviation.

Britain, the United States and Australia are among countries showing interest in this passenger-freight transport, which will be powered by two Rolls-Royce Dart propeller-turbine engines.

The Friendship is designed to fill the gap left by the famous Douglas DC-3 Dakota, now becoming a vintage model although still doing valiant service.

It will be another cheap, economical, mid-of-all-work plane, about the same size as the Dakota. It will take between 25-30 passengers, depending upon the amount of freight carried.

Spokesmen of Fokkers say that to their knowledge there is only one possible competitor in this field in the world—the four-engine British Handley-Page Herald which is expected, like the Friendship, to fly this year.

## Big Enough

"The world market is certainly big enough for both planes," the spokesman added.

To air enthusiasts, the name Fokker conjures up a fund of memories. Pilots of the 1914-18 War well remember the wood-and-canvas fighters which Anthony Fokker sold to the Germans.

Then there were the pioneer planes of civil aviation in the 1920's. Admiral Byrd's flight over the North Pole in 1926 and Amelia Earhart's historic Atlantic crossing two years later were both achieved with Fokker planes.

Fokker airliners pioneered all the way in the 1920's, and by 1930 more than half the world's civil airliners were Fokker-built. No less than 28 governments used Fokker military planes and 22 countries built Fokker aircraft under licence.

Then came the anti-climax. All-metal construction was becoming the order of the day, and Fokkers lagged behind, clinging to wood and fabric whilst more go-ahead American

firms, such as Douglas and Boeing, seized the civil market custom.

In the military field, however, Fokkers held their own. Military men were slower than civilians to realise the advantages of all-metal build, and went on ordering. This steady pre-war output of services aircraft enabled Fokker to renew his plant and switch to metal construction.

World War II left Fokkers' main factory at Schiphol, near Amsterdam, a heap of ruins. The Americans razed it one week-end in 1944 in a low-level raid, after previously warning the workers. Then the Nazi occupation troops looted all the machinery, taking it off to Germany.

Yet within a year of liberation, the firm was working again, converting planes from military to civilian use for KLM, the Royal Dutch Airlines, and repairing and overhauling service planes. It developed a basic trainer, the single-engined S 11, and the S 12, a modified version with a tricycle undercarriage. These sold well.

Then came a stroke of ill-fortune with the unaccountably numbered S 13, another trainer, this time a twin-engined model.

The Dutch Government had placed an order for 50 of these when, as a Fokker spokesman put it, "Marshall Aid came along. The Government was offered Beechcraft planes for nothing, and cancelled its order."

## A Success

But meanwhile the lightweight S 11 was proving a success. The Royal Netherlands Air Force ordered 100. The Italian and Israeli air forces, too, adopted it as their standard basic trainer, and the Italian firm of Macchi began building about 200 at Varese, in northern Italy.

Then came the latest Fokker trainer, the S 14 jet trainer powered by either Rolls-Royce or Nene engines. It has not yet been adopted by the North Atlantic Pact Organisation. Fokkers are hopeful, but they feel that intrinsic worth is not the only factor involved in decisions of this kind.

"Politics plays a part, too," one Fokker spokesman said. "If the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation people want to give extra work to another country, which is in danger of going Communist, that country may get the order instead of us, even though its aircraft may not be as good."

The S 14 is not without customers, however. Fifty are now being built in the half-Brazilian, half-Fokker firm of Fokker-Industria Aeronautica at Galeao Airport, Rio de Janeiro, and 25 are being built here for the Dutch Air Force.

There have also been big orders for the assembly of British fighters. Just over a year ago, Fokkers delivered the last of 330 Gloster Meteors. Mark VIII, and now they are assembling and building the airframes for some 410 Hawker Hunter jets.

But all these post-war planes, including the trainers, were wholly or mainly designed for military use. The Friendship is the first civil aircraft developed and built by Fokkers since the 1930's.

Four prototypes are being built, two for flying and two for rigorous static tests. The Friendship's pressure hull will be tested to twice normal working pressure in a large concrete tank now nearing completion. Metal fatigue, the cause of the failure of the British Comet I jet airliner, will be checked by a special method developed by the British Royal Aeronautical Establishment at Farnborough.

The Friendship is being built to conform with standards laid down by civil air authorities in the United States, Britain and Australia. An as yet unusual feature is that its seats are to be backward-facing for added safety.

## Selling Price

It will sell at somewhere between 1,750,000 and 2,000,000 guilders (about £175,000-£200,000 sterling) depending on mass production conditions.

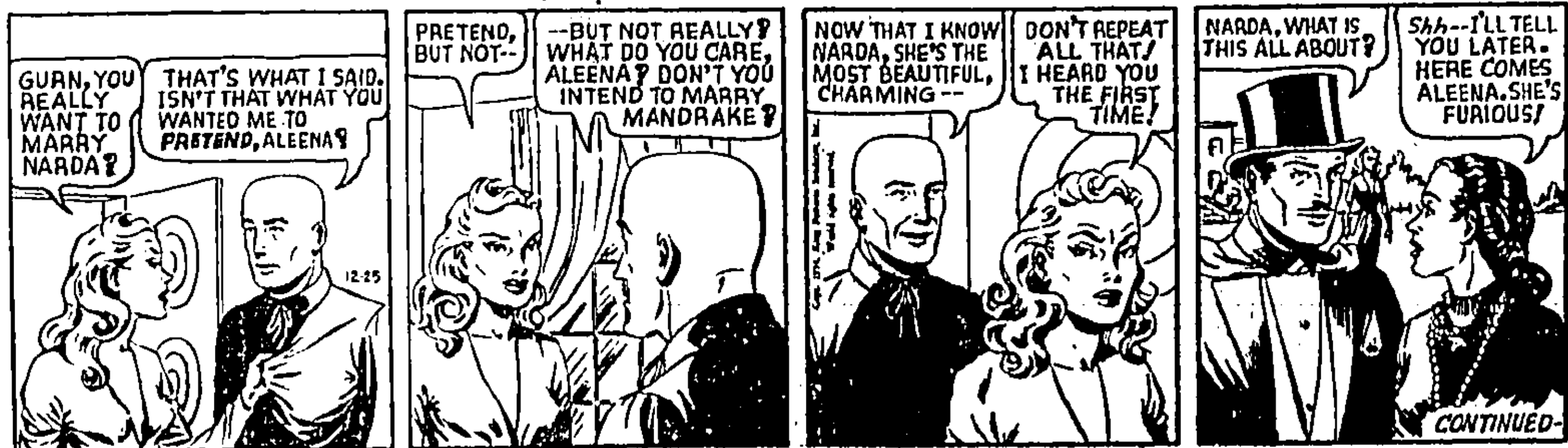
So far, KLM is the only airline to have placed orders. It has ordered two on condition that at least 20 are produced altogether—and there is not much doubt about that, according to Fokkers.

But even its paper specifications are arousing interest. Its high-wing design facilitates easy cargo handling and its cruising speed of 450 kilometres (280 miles) an hour combined with a range of 1,000 kilometres (1,000 miles) appeal to many operators.

The American Fairchild company has taken an option to build the aircraft on licence. Australian domestic airlines are said to be extremely interested, and so are British charter firms.—China Mail Special.

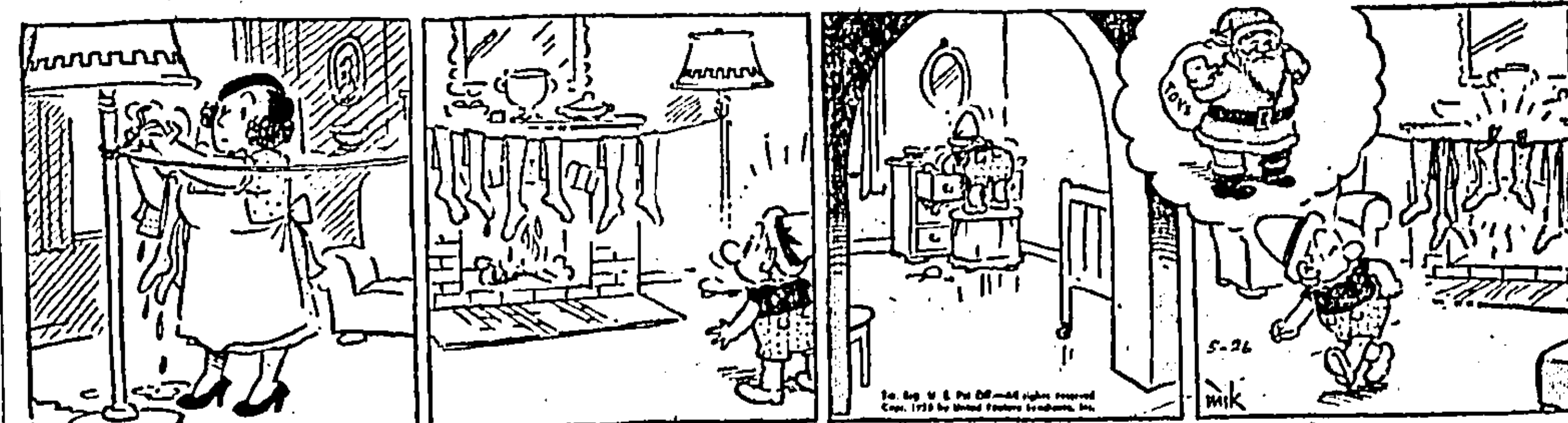
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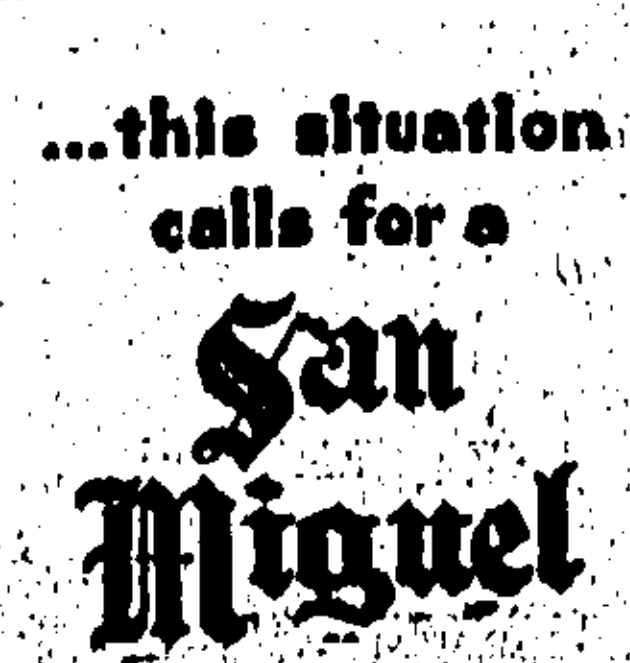
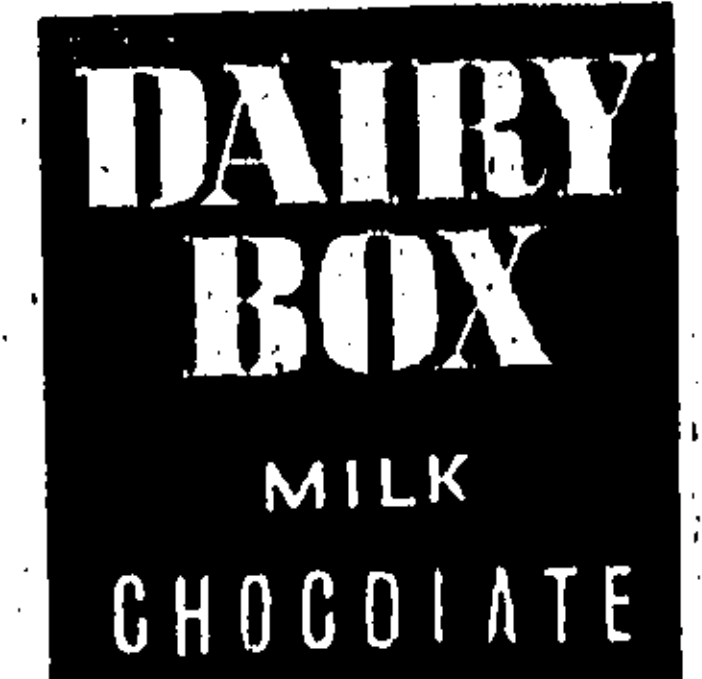
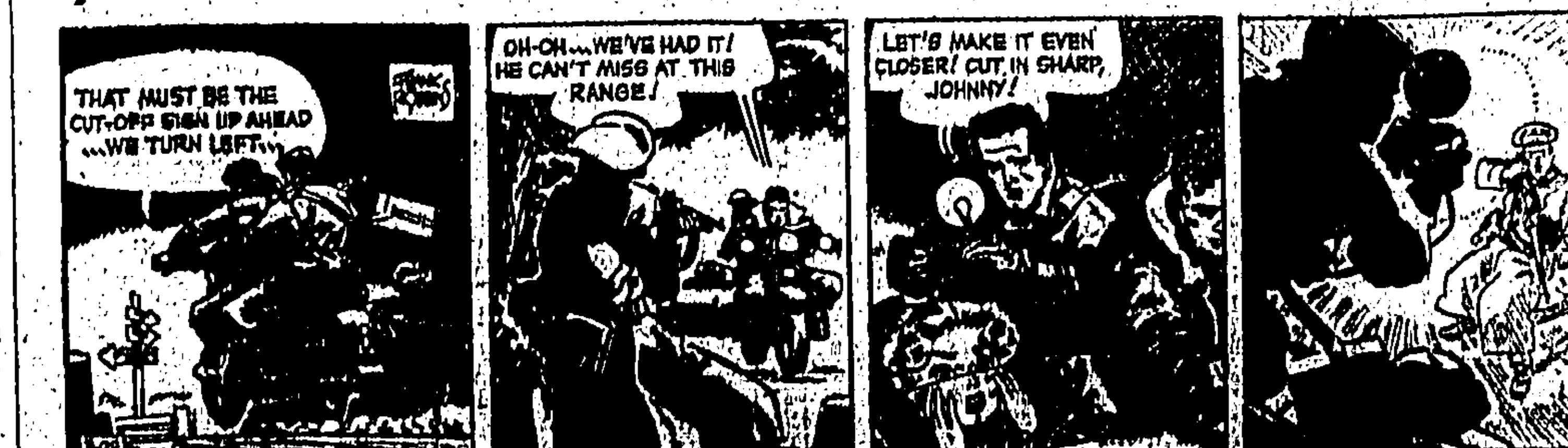
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## Spanish Housewives Now Have Problem

Madrid, July 26. "It can't happen here," Spanish housewives had always insisted when foreigners talked of their "servant problem."

But now it is happening here. Madrid's weekly newspaper, El Espanol, estimates that 120,000 housewives in Spain today are looking for domestic help.

The gradual industrialisation of Spain is absorbing female labour rapidly, although the low standard of education of the girls in Spain restricts their opportunities.

Domestic servants' agencies in Madrid report about 2,000 places vacant each day, which they are unable to fill, according to El Espanol.

### Salaries

Monthly salaries for servants living in one room range from 100 pesetas (£1) to 300 pesetas (£3).

The eating hours of Spaniards make the maid's day a long one. Dinner is served before ten o'clock at night and sometimes later, so that the maid usually does not go to bed until midnight or 1 a.m. But she has to be up at 7 a.m. to begin work again.

Some housewives give their maids two free afternoons each week, but some give only one. And many housewives insist that even on her afternoon off the maid shall get back in time to prepare and serve dinner. Whereas women have the benefit of very few domestic servants, as well as poor health or other social services or protection.

El Espanol reported that Spanish girls are much in demand in Britain and France as servants. China Mail Special.

## Surveys Of Beach Approaches

Ottawa, July 26.

Canada's newest Arctic patrol vessel, the I.M.C.S. Labrador, already has many Canadian "firsts" on her record, but when she sailed from Halifax for northern waters at the end of May, she was the first Canadian naval vessel to carry underwater television equipment.

A new technique developed by the Royal Navy will be used to make surveys of underwater beach approaches in the Arctic and to study the reaction of divers in the cool water conditions of the far North.

Lieutenant Commander J.H. Bathurst, on the staff of the director of Torpedo Anti-Submarine and Mine Warfare at Royal Canadian Navy headquarters in Ottawa, has had considerable experience in this field while serving with the Royal Navy and will conduct the experiments aboard the Labrador.

### Portable Equipment

The equipment, owned by the Canadian Defence Research Board, is portable and can be operated from one of the Labrador's boats for inshore, shallow water work. It consists of a control unit, including a monitoring screen, to which the camera is attached by cable. The camera is enclosed in a cylindrical case, measuring 23 inches in length and 11 inches in diameter. This unit has a slight positive buoyancy, making it easier to handle under water.

The actual television is controlled from the ship or boat, which is in radio communication with the diver, who has only to point the camera as directed. The unit operates on the closed circuit television principle.

This summer will be the first time that divers of the Royal Canadian Navy have operated underwater television equipment. China Mail Special.

## Missing Soldiers

Washington, July 26.

The fate of 470 American soldiers listed as "missing" during the Korean war is still unknown, the US Department of Defense announced today.

The Defence Department, in a letter to Congress, said that the fate of 474 other soldiers originally listed as missing after the war was now known. France-Press.

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## BANK BROUGHT INTO LINE

### The British Treasury Has Asserted Its Authority

London, July 26.

The British Treasury has asserted its authority over the Bank of England.

The latter, although it has been a nationalised institution since 1945 and is in theory subordinate to the Treasury often shows a fair amount of independence.

In recent months it has been following a noticeably distinct line on the important question of sterling convertibility.

But informed sources say that this division is now to end and that the Bank has been told to follow the Treasury line more carefully in future.

The Treasury's view is that sterling convertibility will be possible only when certain conditions have been achieved. These are a free United States import policy, a bigger gold and dollar reserve and a sound internal financial condition in Britain.

REMOTE CONTINGENCY Not one of these conditions is regarded as having been achieved at the moment, so convertibility is regarded as a remote contingency.

But those more closely associated with the day to day working of foreign exchanges tend to take a different view.

They say that in fact sterling is almost convertible at the present time; that only a very small change is needed to make it fully convertible and this change could easily be made at any time.

This view has gained ground since it was decided in February to extend the official support to the unofficial markets, in which transferable sterling is traded against dollars.

The effect is that all foreign-held sterling is convertible at a very small discount. Full convertibility may be achieved, it is claimed, only in the elimination of the difference between the views attributed to the Treasury and the Bank of England, respectively, is really one of form rather than of substance.

It is true that sterling is in practice very near to convertibility and that only a small further step is required. But this step, although small in substance, is important in form, for when it is taken all sorts of consequential measures, such as the ending of the European Payments Union and the widening of the fluctuation limits for sterling, will have to be taken too.

The Treasury does not consider the time ripe for these consequential measures and will therefore keep sterling formally inconvertible for some time yet, although in practice it may be regarded as convertible.

CONFUSION A confusion between the two views has led to some remarkable rumours on the Continent of Europe.

In Germany, particularly, it has been assumed that sterling will be made convertible soon and that this will involve a widening of the fluctuation limits.

In the present weak state of the exchange a widening of the limits would mean fluctuation downwards so the German newspapers have been forecasting that sterling will be devalued in August.

From what has been said above, it should be clear that nothing of the kind is likely to happen.

The formal step to convertibility will be taken when the sterling appears strong, so that wider fluctuations would mean an upward rather than a downward revaluation of sterling. China Mail Special.

Second day consideration of Chancellor of Exchequer Butler's new credit curbs brought mixed reaction in London's financial community today.

Except for gilt-edged British Government bonds which were sold heavily again, prices were mostly narrow and irregular, reflecting widespread uncertainty.

News of tighter restrictions for instalment buying, proposed cuts in capital programmes of local authorities and nationalisation industries and the request to banks to reduce loans had touched off widespread selling on first reaction yesterday.

LESS SEVERE On further thought, however, the City saw the new credit curbs as less severe than had been anticipated although still a distinct deterrent to the market rise had carried prices to all-time highs recently.

Blue chips industrialists were highly irregular. Oils were bought heavily on short covering lifting "Burmah" more than 8s. Royal Dutch more than 12s.

Rubber shares did well on the improved earnings outlook following recent strengthening in the commodity. Coppers, too, improved on strength in the metal.

Persistent weakness in British Government issues reflected the credit squeeze and warnings that the end-of-July gold reserve statement will disclose a substantial drop in holdings.

Among foreign bonds, Germans moved up on continental demand while Japanese eased. United Press.

NEW YORK Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot: 34.48  
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### A Slip Of The Tooth

PORTSMOUTH'S magistrates sit daily in a tall, grey, terrace house in Southsea, that has private hotels for its neighbours and the look of having been one such itself until the law, bombed out of its proper quarters, took up residence.

In the "first-floor-front," three magistrates were hearing the cry of a civil servant who pleaded not guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

One floor up, three others sat in judgment upon a dog with an impeccable character that, caught off guard, had one day seized one of its master's newspapers, which it liked to carry, but the arm and ankle of the newsboy delivering them.

#### THE NEW BOY

TO fetch and carry newspapers rates among dogs as a useful social accomplishment, like piano-playing among humans.

But even to seem to be about to fetch and carry newspapers, is another and graver matter. This dog, call him Ben, through an error of judgment, a slip of the tongue, had done that.

The misunderstanding had its beginning when a new boy was put on the paper round, a boy who did his work with praiseworthy thoroughness, but employed methods differing in detail from those of the regular lad.

Ben, lying bored in the hallway of his master's home, heard steps on the path outside.

#### SPECIAL DELIVERY

HE consulted his instincts, as a man might consult a wrist-watch, and found it was paper-delivery time. He cocked an eye to the letter-box, waiting for the papers to be pushed through.

But no such thing happened. Instead, the door was suddenly opened, and the thorough-going boy's arm appeared round him, bearing the papers. Ben leaped for the arm as if it had been marked "Consumer Goods," and addressed to him.

The boy yelled, rescue came, and, in due course, Ben's master was summoned for failing to keep his dog under proper control. The story was told to the magistrates, and a policeman went into the witness-box.

#### DOING HIS DUTY

"I've made inquiries about this dog's character," the policeman said gravely, "and everyone in the road spoke well of the animal."

"Is the dog's owner here?" the chairman of the bench inquired.

"He's sent his wife, sir," the policeman answered, and a pleasant-looking, middle-aged woman rose from her seat.

"This is all most unfortunate, sir," she said. "He's ever such a good dog, really, loves children. He was just doing his duty that day—telling us someone was there, and this stranger in the house you see. The usual boy knows there's a dog, and just leaves the papers."

"I think the dog just thought there was someone creeping up, and... We wouldn't like to have him put to sleep, sir, he's a pedigree dog, and he's really very intelligent."

#### A WARNING

BEN'S mistress sat down, and the magistrates conferred. At last: "We don't think your dog is normally dangerous," the chairman announced, "but we give you a warning that you must not keep a dog that bites little boys."

"No, sir, of course not, sir, oh, thank you, sir," said Ben's mistress, and she hurried away from the courtroom to her home, to break the good news to her dog.

### Round Tablers' Dance

More than 200 people, comprising members of the Hongkong Round Table and their guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves at their dinner-dance on the Italian luxury liner mv. Victoria last night.

This Italian Consul, Mr. G. Rossi, was present with his party. Dinner included food specially prepared on board, Italian style by the chef.

## No Mass Release Of War Criminals

Washington, July 27. The United States, in consultation with its world war allies of the Pacific campaign, has decided against mass release of Japanese war criminals in Tokyo's Sugamo prison, official sources said today.

This decision has been taken in the face of mounting pressure from Japan for a goodwill gesture on the tenth anniversary of Japan's surrender in 1945.

This pressure increased today with reports from London that the Soviet Union had decided to release 10 Japanese war criminals and soon supply Japan with a full list of names of the 1,010 former servicemen and 357 civilians also serving sentences in the Soviet Union.

Diplomatic sources said that representatives of Britain, Pakistan, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the Netherlands, France and the United States have been giving serious consideration to the problem of continued detention of Japanese war criminals.

These representatives appreciate conflicting aspects of the situation, principally that while Japan's relations with the West are damaged by the continuing imprisonment, the peoples of Australia, Britain, New Zealand and such nations would probably react vigorously against wholesale release of the prisoners, who include many convicted of actually perpetrating atrocities.

#### FAVOURABLE TOKEN

Therefore, it was thought here, although the allies would not agree to wholesale release of the 579 convicted war criminals, it was possible that further steps would be taken to review cases by smaller groups.

United States officials generally regarded the reports of the Soviet decision to move at least part of the way to meet Japan's demand for release of war criminals as a favourable token of improving international relations.

The move was interpreted more as part of the freeing of the diplomatic deadlock by the summit meeting in Geneva than a calculated attempt to embarrass the United States.

Read with the announcement that the United States would enter into direct talks with Communist China at the ambassadorial level in Geneva next month, the Soviet decision was regarded as a good augury for ending the war danger in the Far East.

#### POINTED REFERENCE

Diplomatic observers noted that in his press conference yesterday, Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, had drawn attention to statements by Chinese and American leaders in which the desire to settle international disputes without war had been mutually expressed.

Mr. Dulles' moderate language and his pointed reference to the common ground between the United States and Communist China increased hopes here that the "Big Two" Geneva meeting might lead to broader talks.

On the other hand, the difficulties standing in the way of a full-scale Far East peace conference—particularly the truculence of the Nationalist and Communist regimes towards each other—were not minimized.

But, with the friendlier atmosphere generated in East-West relations at Geneva, it was believed possible that the United States and China might be able to extend the present informal status in the Formosa Strait while exploring possibilities of a permanent arrangement.

### Swords Found In Woman's House

A 41-year-old housewife, Chan Chun-ying, of 532 Shanghai Street (first floor) was cautioned and discharged by Mr. W. E. Collier of Kowloon this morning for possession of two short swords.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

The police stated that a party of police led by Sub-Inspector Murray on Tuesday raided this defendant's house where they discovered the swords in a basket near her bed.

The weapons were ordered to be confiscated.

## Lady Patricia Visits Welfare Centre



## Sees Underprivileged Children At Work And At Play

During her visit to the Shanghai Street Children's Centre this morning, Lady Patricia Lennox-Boyd examined many examples of the children's carpentry, tailoring and rattan work.

Lady Patricia was accompanied by Lady Grantham whose idea it was to visit the centre. She explained that Lady Patricia did a great deal of work for the deaf and dumb in England, and she thought it might be a good idea to show her some of the work that Hongkong is doing for its poorer families.

## Secretary Of State Takes Off His Coat

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much impressed by what he had seen of local industries. They had provided employment for a population which had increased in size immensely over a very short period of time.

"I recognise the prime necessity of the good and well-paid work for this very large population in a city which represents the show window in Asia for the ideals of freedom and good government for which the British Commonwealth stands," he said.

He was also very anxious to see the up-to-date and efficient methods adopted in the well-planned and organised modern factories of Hongkong.

"From what I have seen this morning, I have little doubt that a large section of Hongkong industry is organised on modern up-to-date grounds, providing good labour conditions and well-paid employment. This will be a very great interest to me when I return," he said.

Asked whether the current Government policy in encouraging the development of the light industry would continue, Mr. Lennox-Boyd said he should think so. He also commended on the "very versatile and ingenious way in which they have found alternative employment for the people of Hongkong, whose entrepot trade has been largely diminished."

## Mail Notices

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**  
By Air  
India-China, 4 p.m.  
Formosa, 4 p.m.  
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 5 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Indonesia, 4 p.m.  
India-China, 4 p.m.  
Macao, 4 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, JULY 28**  
By Air  
Malaya, 11 a.m.  
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 3 p.m.  
Philippines, Australia & New Zealand, 4 p.m.  
By Surface  
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
Thailand, 3 p.m.  
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 4 p.m.  
Macao, 4 p.m.

## Repayment In Full

London, July 27. Some time today a man will drop a pound note in Baywater, west London, to repay a 24-year-old debt to fate.

He is 48-year-old Mr. George Shepherd, now holding a key job with a West Australian timber company.

In 1931 Mr. Shepherd, penniless, found a pound note in the same area. That lucky find was the turning point in his fortunes.

He said last night at the end of a 10,000-mile journey from Sarawak, Borneo: "I will walk along that certain square and drop the note when no one is looking."

"I have often thought about the loss of that note. It had been a worry — not knowing if he needed the money more than I did."

"But if my note does some good tomorrow perhaps the debt will be settled,"—China Mail Special.

**THE KITCHEN**

The kitchen was another place of interest. Lady Patricia saw the rice being cooked for the children's midday meal. They have four meals a day, two of which consist of rice and soup.

"Feeding the children is one of the most difficult tasks we have," said Mr. Mak Wing-hong, who is in charge of the kitchen.

Clothes for the children is another problem. However, the Social Welfare Office sends them a number of old uniforms and these are altered by the tailoring class. All exercise books are made by the pupils to save money so that they can go on a few outings. Chairs are mended and furniture is made in the children's workshop. Anything that is possible with their materials.

Last of all Lady Patricia watched the children in the playground playing marbles, hopscotch and other games arranged for them.

## Driver Found Not Guilty

Gnr E. D. Jones, 26, of 42 Field Regiment, R. A. was found not guilty of careless driving and discharged by Mr. T. Creeden at Kowloon this morning.

Defendant was alleged to have driven a military motor truck in Clear Water Bay Road on May 2 without due care and attention. Several witnesses gave evidence that they came upon the defendant with his truck which was stationary in the highway. A Chinese woman, Chung Kiu, was lying some distance behind the truck. It was the Prosecution's case that the defendant reversed his vehicle and hit the woman who sustained injuries and died later.

Mr. Creeden upheld the submission by Mr. A. B. C. Comber representing the defendant that there was insufficient evidence to support the charge.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.  
6. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 6.05. Lucky Dip. 6.10. Variety. Requests presented by Jean (Studio). 6.15. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. The last of a series of five talks by A.C. Scott (Recorded). 7.15. "The Masque" Music and song by men from H.M.S. "Newcastle" (Recorded). 7.30. London Studio Melodies. Mantovani and his Orchestra (BBCFS). 8.00. Weather. 8.15. Time Signal and the News (London Relay). 8.30. Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements. 8.45. Composer of the Week—Rachmaninoff. 9.00. Gypsy Nights. 9.15. Time Signal. 9.30. Concert by The Silver British Orchestra cond. by Arrigo Foa with Chiu Yee Ha (piano). 9.45. Theatrical. 9.55. Theatrical. 10.00. Theatrical. 10.15. Rhythm and Romance. 10.30. Weather Report. 11. Time Signal. 11.00. News Reel (London Relay). 11.05. Goodnight Music. God Save The Queen. 11.30. Close Down.

## REDIFFUSION

5. Children's Corner—conducted by Austin Joy. 5.30. Wednesday. 6.00. Sunday. 6.10. Variety. Requests presented by Betty. 6.15. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 6.30. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 6.45. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 7.00. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 7.15. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 7.30. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 7.45. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 8.00. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 8.15. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 8.30. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 8.45. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 9.00. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 9.15. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 9.30. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 9.45. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 10.00. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 10.15. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 10.30. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 10.45. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 11.00. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 11.15. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 11.30. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 11.45. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 12.00. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. 12.15. 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